



Rawlinson Primary School

Hot Weather Policy and Procedures:

During a period of extreme heat, we will actively review and adjust school operations as necessary.

Such as :

- Review timetabled activities and duty rosters prior to the commencement of the school day and modify any activity that could add to heat related illness of staff and students.
- Reconsider events (such as assemblies) where adequate shade is not able to be provisioned for students, staff and visitors.
- Limit outside play and provide alternative inside activities during break times.
 - Restrict access to the Nature Playground.
- Review and modify duty rosters to limit staff exposure to heat.
- Postpone any planned vigorous activity.
- Modify physical education lessons and not undertake them outside.
- Allow drink bottles in classrooms, including the provision of additional water bottles.
 - Bring lunches into the classroom out of the sun.
- Rotate class use of airconditioned facilities where available.
- Educate and encourage students and school staff to stay hydrated.
- Conduct a briefing of staff who provision first aid on the symptoms of and response to heat related illness.
- Conduct walk-throughs and check ins with staff and students to monitor impact of heat.
- Review first aid kits and consider the inclusion of additional ice packs and hydrolytes.
- Establish sunscreen stations for staff and students.
- Review students with known medical conditions and triage support for those more likely to be impacted by the heat. (such as blood noses)
- In consultation with staff who work outside (e.g., gardeners/physical education teachers), reallocate their duties.