



## INCLEMENT WEATHER POLICY

All Trinity College Colac Policies will be read and developed with reference to the Core Values, Vision and Mission of the College as well as any other relevant College policies.

### RATIONALE

Trinity College Colac has a duty of care to staff and students at all times, which includes protection against inclement weather during times when students would normally be outside classrooms.

### SCRIPTURAL CONTEXT

*'For everything there is a season, and a time for every matter under heaven.'*  
(Ecclesiastes 4:1)

### POLICY STATEMENT

To ensure the wellbeing of students and staff during times of inclement weather, a planned management strategy will be implemented to cater for all inclement weather events.

### DEFINITION

*Inclement weather* is generally defined as rain, lightning, dust storm, extreme heat or any other condition that is considered by the Principal to be unsuitable and/or unsafe.

POLICY GUIDELINES	GUIDELINE INDICATORS
Pastoral Care and welfare of the students and staff at the school includes caring for them during times when the weather is inclement.	<p>As part of the usual yard duty timetable process, an inclement weather procedure will be activated by the Principal or the Principal's delegate, (usually the Director of Students) when conditions outside are considered to be unsuitable for students and staff.</p> <p>When inclement weather is obvious prior to students being dismissed for a recess or lunch break, an announcement will be made by the Director of Students (or delegate) advising class teachers and those on yard duty to follow the inclement weather procedure until further notice.</p> <p>All students will be confined to their nominated inclement weather area or the classroom, unless permission has been granted by a teacher to leave temporarily, e.g. toilet break. This will include eating lunch in the designated inclement weather areas.</p> <p>Teachers will be responsible for organising students into the areas.</p> <p>Students will be supervised by the teacher on duty at that time.</p> <p>In the case of inclement weather during a recess or lunch break, the yard duty teacher will inform the Principal, or Principal's delegate, (usually the Director of Students) of the possible need to activate the inclement weather procedure. Upon notification, the Principal or Principal's delegate (usually the Director of Students) will assess the situation and make the decision to call the students inside, or alternatively, to seek adequate shelter, in which case the yard duty teacher will continue to supervise outside areas.</p>

	<p>All staff and students are required to wear broad-brimmed hats during terms 1 and 4, consistent with the school's support of the Cancer Council and Victorian Government sponsored SunSmart program.</p> <p>Scheduled sport, physical education or other outside activities will need to be rescheduled or alternatively organised during times of inclement weather.</p>
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#### REFLECTIVE MATERIALS

- School Vision and Mission Statements
- Pastoral Care Policy
- SunSmart Program
- Risk Assessment Policy and Procedures

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College Governor	Fr Michael O'Toole
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