



Parafield Gardens High School

Inclement Weather Policy

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Staff and students at PGHS are entitled to safe and welcoming working environments. In cases of inclement weather, exposure to elements may prove a safety risk.

This includes:

- Extreme heat and risk of high UV damage;
- Risk of injury during high wind warning periods, low air quality or bushfire watch and act warnings;
- Slip hazards from wet weather;
- Overcrowding and student behaviour management issues.

Definitions

Inclement weather includes:

- Days of 35°C or higher after two successive days of 35°C or higher weather;
- High wind risk days or days of low air quality;
- Rain or other precipitation.

Notification

In inclement weather periods, **three short blasts** from the bell will advise staff to move to supervised spaces. Staff must direct students to move from all outside areas, Oval and Courts should be locked by groundsmen.

Note that students should eat lunch before entering buildings.

The following movement should occur:

Inclement Weather Areas	
Yard Duty Coordinator	The teacher calls the front office to sound the inclement weather bell. Advise students to move to an inside YD space. The Leader maintains patrol of the yard.
Admin & Car Parks	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space. Moves to the Learning Hub. Can open the R33 classroom and supervise if Learning Hub is busy.
B Floor	REMAIN IN PLACE. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
FLOATING	Advise students to move to an inside YD space. The teacher maintains patrol of yard.
Stem Quadrangle	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space Teacher supervises C Floor. Students must only use open spaces, classrooms to remain locked.
Performing Arts	REMAIN IN PLACE. Classrooms to remain locked.
Small Courts & Behind Tech	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space. Teacher supervises in D Floor – ART – Tech to remain closed.
Home Ec Quadrangle	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space Teacher supervises B Floor. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
D11-14 Kitchens	REMAIN IN PLACE.
COLA & Courts	REMAIN IN PLACE. Advise students from open courts to move to COLA or another indoor area
Canteen	REMAIN IN PLACE. Advise students to move once they have purchased food. Teacher supervises Canteen, if no students, move to D Floor – ART – Tech to remain closed.

Oval North	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space. Teacher supervises in D Floor – ART – Tech to remain closed.
Oval South	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space Teacher supervises in C Floor STEM Area. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
Library/Learning Hub	REMAIN IN PLACE.
A Floor	REMAIN IN PLACE. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
Gym Court & Equipment	REMAIN IN PLACE. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
R Toilets & Breezeway	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space. Teacher moves to and supervises in A Floor. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
Gym Toilets & S. Highway Sth	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space. Students must only use open spaces. Classrooms are to remain locked.
Gym Foyer & Surrounds	Teacher advises students to move to an inside YD space or undercover in front of Gym. Teacher supervises inside Gym Foyer and outside undercover. Students must only use open space, classrooms and kitchens to remain locked.
WB Support	REMAIN IN PLACE.