



BUNBURY REGIONAL COMMUNITY COLLEGE

Extreme Weather Policy



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1. Purpose

This policy outlines the procedures Bunbury Regional Community College has in place to manage Extreme Weather. This policy has been developed to provide guidelines for the College in ensuring safety for all students.

2. Scope

This policy is applicable to Bunbury Regional Community College.

3. Definitions

CARE School

A Curriculum and Re-engagement in Education school, established and registered solely for the education of students at educational risk.

Child a child is defined in the *Children and Community Services Act 2004 (WA)* as a person who is under 18 years of age, and in the absence of positive evidence as to age, means a person who is apparently under 18 years of age. For the purposes of this policy the words 'child' and 'student' are used interchangeably.

Child of compulsory school age means a child who is required to be enrolled in an educational programme as per section 9(1) of the *School Education Act 1999*.

College community is the students, school staff (teachers, administrators, other staff and volunteers), parents and carers, board members, and others with an interest in the school.

Educational Risk A student is at educational risk if he/she is of compulsory school age but unable to participate in mainstream schooling due to one or more of the following reasons:

- Is disengaged as evidenced by persistent non-attendance or a failure or refusal to enrol.
- Experiences learning difficulties or disadvantages that cannot be effectively catered for by a mainstream school.
- Is affected by life risk factors including domestic violence, abuse, homelessness, transience, addiction, chronic ill-health or pregnancy.
- Is subject to a Children's Court Order.
- Is the subject of a Responsible Parenting Agreement covering school attendance.
- Is a persistent or serious juvenile offender.

Extreme Weather is defined as one or more of the following:

1. Severe Wet Weather – thunder/lightning, storm, heavy rain
2. Extreme Hot Weather – Temperature is at or above 38 Degrees Celsius. humidity is over 30deg C.
3. Weather warning of damaging winds and rain are issued.

Any decision required for the cancellation or postponement of physical lessons, events or carnivals will be at the discretion of the Principal.

Parent/carer includes parents, non-parental carers, foster parents, grandparents, and other carers of students.



Responsible person in relation to a student, means a parent/carer of the student; or if the student has turned 18 or who is a prescribed child, the student; or (c) a person whose details have been provided under section 16(1)(b)(ii)(II) of the *School Education Act 1999*.

4. Policy

1. Context

Bunbury Regional Community College (BRCC) is a 'Curriculum and Re-engagement in Education' (CARE) School that caters specifically to students who have disengaged from mainstream education. The College offers a full-time alternative education program under the *School Education Act 1999 (WA)*.

Generally BRCC will remain open during extreme weather as all enclosed areas at BRCC are fully airconditioned and protected against severe wet weather and extreme hot weather.

The Extreme Weather Policy applies when the temperature reaches over 38 deg C or weather warnings of damaging winds and rain are issued.

The Executive Team will advise the school community when this policy is invoked.

When the policy is invoked:

1. All outside activities/events are suspended
2. Physical Education classes will be adjusted/modified
3. Students should ensure they are sitting somewhere cool and shady (heat) or sheltered and dry (damaging winds and rain)
4. Parents and carers will be advised when the Extreme Weather Policy is invoked by SMS.
5. A PA notice will also be issued.

If the policy is invoked due to extreme heat, the following will also apply:

1. All staff and students are requested to maintain a high level of awareness regarding hydration.
2. Students should make sure they fill water bottles at recess and lunchtime
3. Students are encouraged to bring a hat and a water bottle to school and should wear sunscreen.
4. Sunscreen is also available at the College from the Administration area.

Sun screen and adequate water for hydration is to be provided by BRCC as part of outdoor excursions or activities.

5. Applicable Legislation

School Education Act 1999

School Education Regulations 2000

School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997



6. Policy Review Date

This policy is due for review annually.

7. Contact BRCC

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