Inclement Weather Policy

Caritas College
Port Augusta
**Policy**

It is the Policy of Caritas College that in the event of inclement weather students and staff will not be required to be outside in unsheltered or unshaded areas.

For the purpose of this policy inclement weather refers to weather conditions which prohibit students from playing outside during scheduled play times (ie before school, recess and or lunch time) and from participating in outdoor Physical Education lessons and other outdoor activities.

Such weather conditions include rain, extreme cold and extreme or prolonged heat. 38 degrees (as per the 5AU announcement) is considered to constitute extreme heat on any given day.

At the discretion of the Principal (or Deputy Principal) an inclement weather roster may be operative on any given day. Put simply a “common sense” approach to student and staff welfare is adopted.

**Procedure**

In the event of inclement weather an announcement will made via the PA system to indicate that the inclement weather roster is operative. The Principal (or Deputy Principal) will be responsible for confirming that the inclement weather procedures are to be implemented on any particular day. A roster is distributed to all staff and a copy is located in the Staffroom.

Students in Reception to Year 5 are required to be indoors for the duration of the break time. Students from Year 6 – 12 may choose to be in a supervised classroom, the library, Multi Purpose Room or undercover outside. Both classrooms and yard areas will be supervised by staff.

All exposed play areas will be closed, this includes Hardcourt, Ovals and the Playground.