



Extreme Weather Policy

Rational

Recognising our moral and legal obligations as a Catholic school community to provide a safe environment for our school community, Cardijn College has adopted the following policy to ensure that all school activities are undertaken with due consideration to weather conditions.

Policy Statement

Cardijn College:

- recognises the importance of providing adequate protection from severe weather conditions for the whole school community
- is committed to providing information to educate the school community of the consequences of exposure to extreme weather
- will promote the taking of personal responsibility for protection against extreme weather conditions.

Responsibilities

The School Board will:

- develop, monitor and review the policy in accordance with legal requirements and the Church's teachings
- allocate resources to facilitate ongoing training and support to respond to extreme weather conditions.

The school leadership will:

- ensure that this policy is adhered to when planning and conducting school activities both on and off site
- ensure that adequate protection from extreme weather is available
- promote awareness of individual responsibility to ensure protection from extreme weather
- ensure extreme weather protection measures are regularly reinforced and promoted to the whole school community
- ensure that consideration of weather conditions is included in all risk assessment procedures and protection measures are in place for all school activities both on and off site
- make the final decision on the cancellation or postponement of an event due to severe weather conditions.

Date approved: October 2014

Date of next review: 2017

Related Policies: First aid and health management
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School Personnel will:

- ensure that a risk assessment is completed for all school activities both on and off site
- maintain awareness of individual responsibility to ensure protection from extreme weather
- maintain awareness of current and forecast weather conditions and adjust activities appropriately
- take responsibility for their personal protection against extreme weather conditions
- encourage and support students to take responsibility for their personal protection against extreme weather conditions
- increase student and community awareness of the consequences of exposure to extreme weather
- in planning for activities, where practical, ensure that adequate protection from extreme weather will be available.

Students will:

- take responsibility for their personal protection against extreme weather conditions.

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