

# LESMURDIE SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL

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## Extreme Weather Policy Years 7-12

The Extreme Weather Policy applies when the temperature reaches over 38°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 including hand ball and table tennis. The oval and basketball courts will also be closed
2. Areas are allocated to Year Groups for recess and lunchtime. The following areas are available: Common Room Year 10, 11 and 12, Upper E Block Year 7, 8 and 9 No food is to be consumed in these areas but water bottles are allowed. The Library is also open at lunchtime
3. Physical Education classes will be adjusted/modified
4. The Gym will be available during lunch and recess
5. Students who choose not to go to these rooms should ensure they are sitting somewhere cool and shady (heat) or sheltered and dry (damaging winds and rain)
6. Parents and carers will be advised when the Extreme Weather Policy is invoked by sms and via FACEBOOK. 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. Students should make sure they fill water bottles at recess and lunchtime
2. The Gym will be available during lunch and recess but will close 5 minutes before the bell so students have time to rehydrate
3. Students are encouraged to bring a hat and a water bottle to school and should wear sunscreen. Sunscreen is also available at school from Lower and Senior School as well as in PE classes.

*COVID 19 social distancing requirements will impact on the availability of the gym and the capacity of allocated areas and the library.*