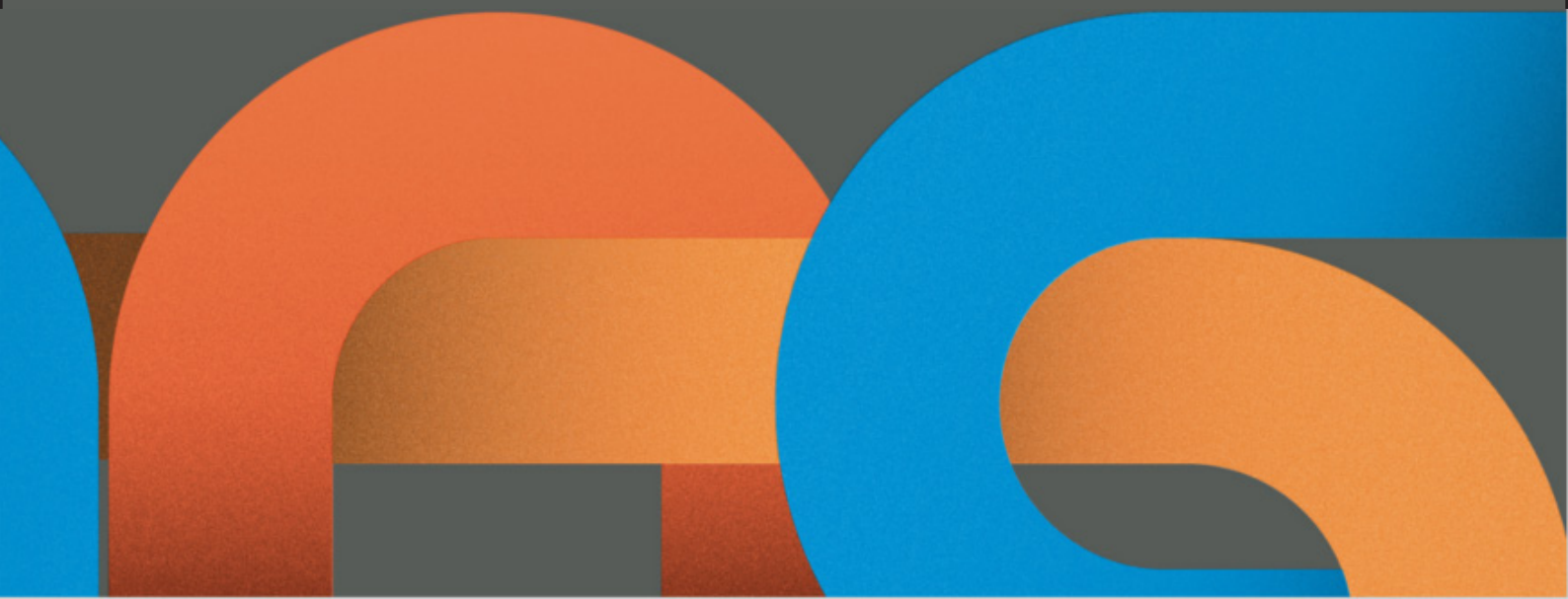




Aldinga
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Policy
Hot and Inclement Weather



Our college pillars: Inspire, Connect and Belong, shape our Way of Being and highlight how we relate to each other and our environment, respond to the aspirations of our community and design our learning. Our Hot and Inclement Weather Policy reflect this context.

RATIONALE

Aldinga Payinthe College aims to:

- Provide a safe environment for learners, staff, families, visitors, and contractors. At times, weather conditions can place individuals on college grounds or individuals participating in college events (regardless of location) in unsafe situations.
- Protect learners from exposure to unsafe weather conditions, excessive temperatures with extreme ultraviolet radiation from the sun.

This policy sets out the college's arrangements for the management of hot and inclement weather events.

SCOPE

The Hot and Inclement Weather Policy applies to all areas of the college and is divided into two major inter-related sections – Hot and Inclement weather.

This policy covers the college's preschool compliance obligations with respect to Regulation 168 (2) (a) (ii) Sun Protection.

The inclement weather-related section applies to all individuals on college grounds including learners (children and young people), staff, and volunteers. The policy also covers planned off-site activities such as excursions.

The hot weather-related section applies to all learners noting the associated impact and responsibilities which exist for staff and families.

RELEVANT POLICIES / DOCUMENTATION

This policy was developed using resources from the Department for Education and the Cancer Council of South Australia and should be read in conjunction with the college's Uniform Policy.

DEFINITION AND MONITORING

For the purposes of this policy the following definitions apply:

- Inclement weather refers to a range of weather conditions including but not limited to heavy rain or hail, strong winds and severe dust/electrical storms.
- Hot weather refers to temperatures of 36C degrees or more and/or ultra-violet levels of 3 and/or above.
- The college will monitor daily weather forecasts as per the Bureau of Meteorology - Aldinga weather station, identify any potential hot or inclement weather risks and implement (in consultation with the principal) agreed protocols where local conditions are considered severe and pose an

increased risk for individuals onsite. Hot or inclement weather events will be communicated to staff and learners.

WEATHER TYPES

The college recognises that at certain times of the year high temperatures and/or UV levels are of major concern.

To assist with the management of safety/wellbeing during period of high temperatures and/or UV levels, the college will:

- Actively promote recognised SunSmart practices to learners, staff, families, and visitors.
- Encourage all individuals on site to model and support SunSmart and hot weather behaviours, including use of hats and sunscreen.
- Encourage learners to seek shade when they are outside.
- Undertake regular 'touch test' of outdoor equipment to reduce risk of burn injuries.
- Actively encourage children to drink plenty of water and ensure drinking water is always accessible.
- Monitor the temperature of buildings with a view to ensuring comfortable levels are maintained, noting that the building temperatures across the site are managed by the facilities manager, ISS.

Additionally, the college has the following specific arrangements in place:

Hats

Preschool and primary learners are required to wear a hat when outside during terms 1, 3 and 4. In term 2 hats must be worn when the UV rating is 3 or more. An approved college hat is included in the college's [Dress Code Policy - Learners](#). Secondary learners are strongly encouraged to wear a hat during these times. Two hat options (including a cap) for secondary learners are included in the college's Dress Code Policy - Learners.

Clothing

Learners and staff are required to wear clothing that ensures adequate body coverage. The college has a range of uniform items (which comply with this policy) available for learners from reception to year 12. There are also a limited number of non-compulsory uniform items available for preschool learners.

Sunscreen

The college will ensure that SPF 30+ (or greater) broad-spectrum water-resistant sunscreen is available for all learners.

Staff will ensure that preschool learners have sunscreen applied at least 20 minutes before going outside, and monitor to ensure regular ongoing application at least every 2 hours.

FAMILY RESPONSIBILITIES

Families can support their children to become SunSmart by:

- Actively and positively encouraging their children to practice a positive attitude to skin protection by providing them with and applying SFP 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen before they come onsite.
- Ensuring their children are dressed in the college uniform.

INCLEMENT WEATHER EVENTS

The college recognises that there is a range of other weather conditions which may pose a danger to learners, and these will be monitored on an ongoing basis as per section 4.

RESTRICTIONS

Appendix A outlines arrangements which will be put in place for a range of known activities including scheduled morning and afternoon breaks, PE classes/sport and planned off-site activities.

Additional restrictions may be implemented by the principal on an as needs basis. Any additional restrictions will be clearly communicated to staff and learners with as much notice as practicable.

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Standard Restrictions – Hot and Inclement Weather

Learning Community	Scheduled morning and afternoon breaks	Sport and PE	Planned off-site events / activities
Early Learning Community	The preference is for learners to remain inside, unless adequate shade or shelter is available, at the discretion of the educational leader.		Planned off-site activities will not normally proceed. Case by case exceptions may be approved by the principal providing appropriate risk assessments have been undertaken.
Primary Learning Community (PLC)	<p>The preference is for learners to remain inside, unless adequate shade or shelter is available, at the discretion of college leadership.</p> <p>All PLC buildings and the gymnasium will remain open during break times to ensure learners have access to appropriate spaces.</p> <p>Supervision arrangements are outlined on the Play Supervision roster noting there will be a need for additional supervision arrangements to be put in place.</p>	<p>Outside PE lessons will not normally proceed. Modified lessons which take place inside will be arranged.</p> <p>College sport scheduled to take place outside, including practice/training will normally be cancelled. Inside college sport, including practice/training, may proceed.</p> <p>Case by case exceptions may be approved by the principal providing appropriate risk assessments have been undertaken.</p>	<p>Coordinators are responsible for communicating any exceptions to learners and parents in advance.</p>
Secondary Learning Community (SLC)	<p>Additional SLC buildings will remain open during break times to ensure learners have access to appropriate spaces.</p> <p>Supervision arrangements are outlined on the Play Supervision roster noting there will be a need for additional supervision arrangements to be put in place.</p>	Coaches/ coordinators are responsible for communicating any exceptions to learners and parents in advance.	