



# *Middle Park State School*

## **Wet Weather Policy**

### **Undercover Play Timetable - arrangements for both breaks:**

11.05am to 11.15am and 11.15am to 11.40am  
1.15pm to 1.25pm and 1.25pm to 1.50pm

- In the event of rain (excluding storms and dangerous weather conditions) the administration team may choose to call an **Undercover Play Timetable** for either or both breaks. Notification will be made as early as possible.
- **Eating times** (11.05am to 11.15am and 1.15pm to 1.25pm) will be under the direction of the teachers on duty as per the current duty roster.
- **Play times** (11.15am to 11.40am and 1.25pm to 1.50pm) the children will be able to play in the undercover areas and walkways supervised by the teachers on duty.
- Teachers and teacher aides rostered on the Lower Covered Play Area, Junior Oval, Years 1 and 2 Climbing Gym, Roving Impact and Junior toilets for **Play times** will work as a team covering the Lower Covered Play Area, the walkways on either side of the Junior Amenities Block and the toilets.
- Teachers and teacher aides rostered on the Senior Oval, Multi-Purpose Courts, Year 3 Oval, Upper Covered Play Area and surrounding walkways for **Play times** will work as a team to cover the Upper Covered Play Area, walkways around Blocks 2, 4 and 5 and the Senior Toilets.
- Walkways, the Library and Impact Room will be open.
- The Administration Team will assist where necessary to ensure the children stay safe and dry under cover.
- When the bell rings the children will return to class as normal.

### **Wet Weather Timetable**

- In the event of heavy rain, storms or dangerous weather conditions, the Administration Team may choose to call a **Wet Weather Timetable** for either or both breaks.
- Teachers will be notified as early as possible if a Wet Weather Timetable is to occur.
- **Eating times** (11.05am to 11.15am and 1.15pm to 1.25pm) will be under the direction of each classroom teacher in their classroom.

- **Play times** (11.15am to 11.40am and 1.25pm to 1.50pm) teachers and their teaching partners take turns to supervise their two classes within the classroom with quiet activities (each teacher will have a 15 minute shift).
- **Specialist teachers** and teacher aides will be required to buddy up with classroom teachers without partners and share shifts (as outlined above). The **Music teacher** will support the teacher at the end of the Impact Building – room 828. The **LOTE teacher** and **PE teacher** will make themselves available for support where needed.
- **The Administration Team** will make regular checks of the amenities and the classrooms to offer support where needed.
- **Library, all clubs and the Reflection Room** will be closed during wet weather arrangements.

### **Prep Classes – Undercover Play Timetable**

- In the event of rain (excluding storms and dangerous weather conditions) the Administration Team may choose to call an **Undercover Play Timetable** for either or both breaks.
- Teachers will be notified as early as possible if a Wet Weather Timetable is to occur.
- **Eating times** (11.05am to 11.15am and 1.15pm to 1.25pm) will be under the direction of the teachers on duty as per the current duty roster.
- **Play times** (11.15am to 11.40am and 1.25pm to 1.50pm) will be supervised by the teachers or teacher aides as per current playground duty roster. Duty teachers in the Prep Climbing Gym will be based with the Prep children for the duration of the duty.
- The playtime activities can be in the Prep classrooms or the hall. This decision is made by the Prep teachers.

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- **Eating times** (11.05am to 11.15am and 1.15pm to 1.25pm) will be under the direction of each classroom teacher in their classroom.

- **Play times** (11.15am to 11.40am and 1.25pm to 1.50pm) teachers and their teaching partners and teacher aides take turns to supervise their two classes within the classroom with quiet activities (each teacher will have a 15 minute shift).
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### **Wet Weather Timetable at 3 pm** (storms, dangerous weather conditions)

- In the event of heavy rain, thunder or lightning at 3.00pm, teachers are to keep the children in the classrooms until it is safe to leave.
- Parents/carers may come to the classroom at or after 3.00pm to pick up their child. As it is after 3.00pm there is no requirement for the student to be signed out at the Administration Office.
- Children become frightened and distressed with stormy weather and under our duty of care we need to help them feel safe.