ASMS Inclement Weather and Sun Protection Policy & Procedure
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Purpose
The Inclement Weather and Sun Protection Policy & Procedure is designed to ensure the safety, health, and welfare
of all students, staff, and visitors at ASMS when exposed to weather conditions. This policy aims to strike a balance
between the health risks associated with both excessive and inadequate UV exposure while safeguarding individuals
from the dangers posed by inclement weather.
Policy Detail
Inclement weather includes abnormal climatic conditions such as:
x Extreme high temperatures
x Heavy rain, hail, or snow
x Strong winds
x Severe dust storms or electrical storms
x Thunderstorms and lightning
Australia has one of the highest incidences of skin cancer in the world, largely due to childhood and adolescent
overexposure to UV radiation. While excessive UV exposure can cause skin cancer, inadequate exposure can lead to
vitamin D deficiency, which is critical for bone, muscle, and overall health. Sun protection is required when UV levels
reach 3 and above, typically between September and April.
This document does not provide advice for Bushfire Danger or Preparation. The ASMS has a risk rating of 3-Medium
to Low and will remain open on days where the rating for the Mount Lofty Rangers District is Catastrophic. Students
and staff who live in a high risk area, or travel through a high risk area, should provide the school with a copy of
their Bushfire Action Plan. Please refer to Flinders University wu
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Sunscreen
x Students and staff must apply SPF 30+ broad-spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen 20 minutes before going
outdoors and reapply every two hours if staying outdoors for extended periods. Sunscreen is provided at key
locations, such as reception.
Hats
x All students and staff should wear hats that protect the face, neck, and ears (e.g., broad-brimmed, bucket, or
legionnaire hats) during Terms 1, 3, and 4, and whenever UV levels exceed 3 when they are outdoors. Caps
and visors are not suitable.
Shade
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Procedures for Inclement Weather during Outdoor Activities
Before Recess/Lunch (If Severe Weather is Forecasted):
x Staff will receive an email and a Team notification signalling that students should be mindful of the weather
and stay indoors.
x Extracurricular activities (e.g. ASMS Park) will be closed.
x The Flinders University Cafe will remain open, with students advised to avoid the inclement weather when
accessing it. Staff