Extreme Weather Policy – Heat & Heatwaves

Rationale
To ensure the health and safety of all students when temperatures are higher than usual.

Definitions
The Department of Health declares a heatwave when the maximum and minimum temperatures are unusually high for 3 consecutive days, compared to the normal local climate.

Action
When a heatwave is declared by the Department of Health, leadership will monitor the temperature and use the following advisories:

Discover your weather | The Bureau of Meteorology
WA Health, Government of Western Australia
Emergency WA Warnings & Incidents

In the event of the weather being hotter than usual, instructions will be broadcast over the P.A for the following:

Eating Times
All students to eat inside classrooms supervised by classroom teachers. Teachers who are on duty will be covered by leadership.

Kindy & Pre-Primary
- Staff on duty to monitor students in rotation to supervise indoor play and outdoor play in the shade while wearing a hat. Games that require a lot of running around are not an option. Staff on duty outside to remind students to have regular drink breaks.

Years 1-6
- Students have the option of a club depending on the day and the library if they prefer to stay indoors.
- Students have the option of playing in the undercover area or shaded playground areas if wearing a hat.
- Activities that require a lot of running around are not an option.
- Staff on duty to remind students to have regular drink breaks.

Leadership to support where needed.