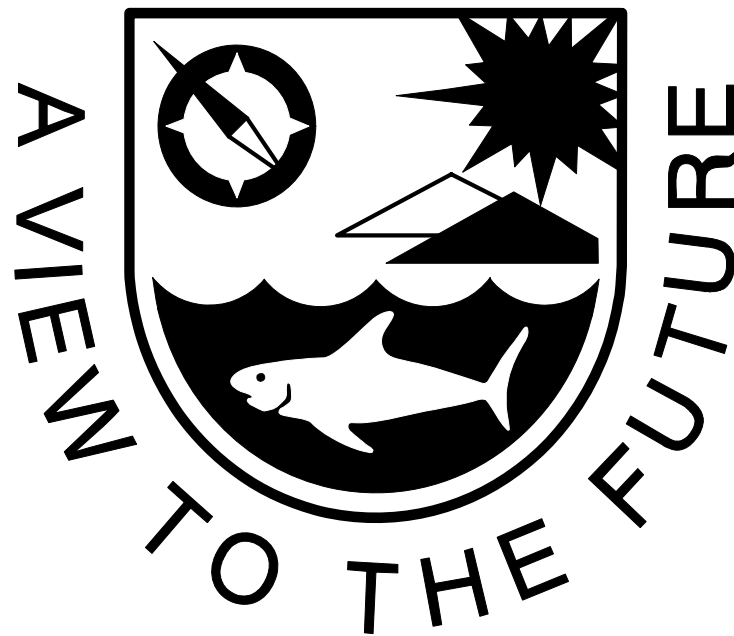


# DAMPIER PRIMARY SCHOOL



# Hot Weather Policy

**School Purpose Statement:**

*The purpose of Dampier Primary School is to develop the whole child, empowering lifelong learners who strive to realize their personal best while working cooperatively to demonstrate civic and environmental responsibility.*

## **Rationale**

Dampier Primary School is a SunSmart School and supports initiatives which ensure staff and students are protected from the sun. As there are days in the Pilbara when the temperature reaches extreme levels, measures need to be taken to address this issue. Students running and playing in the sun on days of excessive heat is to be avoided wherever possible. It is recognised that these days are infrequent but do occur from time to time.

## **Guidelines**

- On designated “hot days” the Principal will invoke the Hot Weather Policy. This decision is at the discretion of the Principal, or his/her delegate, and is to occur when the temperature reaches extreme levels (in excess of 42C).
  
- When the Hot weather Policy is invoked:
  - One teacher will be taken from the yard duty roster and complete duty in the Library. As a number of students will be in the library, it will not be necessary to have an extra person on yard duty.
  - On “hot days” students will be encouraged to go to the Library during recess and lunch times.
  - Students electing not to go to the Library will only be allowed to play in covered/shaded areas.
  - Teachers are to ensure children playing in the shaded areas do not play running games.
  - Students will eat lunches in their classrooms under the supervision of their class teachers. Classes may combine and teachers share supervision. Teachers must ensure all lunch rubbish is placed in classroom bins.
  - Teachers are to give students frequent reminders about the importance of regular water intake and encourage students to use water sippers in the classroom.

## **Conclusion**

This policy will only be invoked in cases of very high temperatures but will ensure that the children at Dampier Primary are not exposed unduly to extreme temperatures.