

Mitcham Preschool Centre

Hot Weather Policy

To ensure that children attending Mitcham Preschool Centre enjoy a safe and comfortable learning environment, we have adopted a hot weather policy in addition to the existing Skin Protection Policy.

1. Hot Weather Measures

If the Bureau of Meteorology forecast the maximum daytime temperature to be 35°C or greater, the Preschool will adhere to the Extreme Heat Strategies dictated by the Department for Education. The curriculum will be modified according to the Bureau of Meteorology website and in conjunction with alerts issued by the SES.

Modifications to the curriculum may include:

- limiting outdoor activities to the shaded areas of the Preschool; or
- limiting outside access to the verandah for quiet activities (with time spent outside being limited to no more than 15 minutes); or
- indoor activities only; or
- eating snacks inside.

2. Other Hot Weather Measures

- The Air conditioner will be turned on earlier than usual to stop the building heating up
- Review the set points for the Air Conditioner on hot days to ensure they align with the extreme nature of the day

3. Procedures for children who are unwell from extreme heat (heat stress)

- Child is cooled down through applying wet / cool towels etc
- Child's clothes may be removed to cool their body
- Child is given cool water to drink
- Child is placed in the coolest part of the building, and monitored by an educator
- Child's parents / emergency contacts are contacted.

Educators will ensure that children drink water more frequently during this time.

Approved: Governing Council Chairperson

Approved: Mitcham Preschool Director