

## **Hot and Wet Weather Policy**

### **1. Introduction and Purpose**

IQRA College recognises the importance of encouraging all students and staff to protect themselves from the dangers of sun exposure, the harmful effects of Ultraviolet Radiation (UV) exposure, and having a coordinated approach to wet weather. This policy has been developed to:

- Implement procedures for hot and wet weather days;
- To provide a safe and caring environment for students during wet weather; and
- To provide guidelines for staff on the procedures to follow to ensure that educational, legal and duty of care requirements are satisfied.

### **2. Scope**

This Policy applies to all staff at IQRA College, legal guardians ('Parents') and students.

### **3. Hot Weather**

On days forecast 36°C or more or where the UV index reaches 11 or higher, the hot weather policy will apply. There are no exceptional circumstances where the school dismisses students early from class due to extreme heat – Parents may, however, collect their children early with prior notification.

#### **3.1 Implementation**

**Outdoor lessons and breaks:** to reduce student and staff exposure to UV, timetables will be reviewed to minimise time spent outdoors during extreme heat or peak UV periods. Students will be required to eat their recess/lunch in class and stay indoors – In the classroom, hall or games room.

**Excursions:** the risk of skin damage on all-day excursions is high. The school will provide plenty of sunscreen, water and students are required to wear hats at all times. On occasions where an excursion is planned during excessive heat, the date/activity may be postponed, modified or cancelled at the discretion of teaching staff, in consultation with the Leadership Team.

***Clothing and sunscreen:*** In line with the Uniform Regulations, all students and staff will be required to wear a hat whenever they are outside in Terms 1, 3 and 4, and according to weather conditions in Terms 2. Further, it is recommended that all students wear sunscreen provided from home, especially on their face and arms.

***Sport and Co-Curricular Activities:*** PE classes and/or co-curricular activities which are actively based outdoors will take place indoors on days forecast to be 36°C or over. Where the forecast temperature is 36°C or more during outdoor sporting sessions like Sports day, they will be re-scheduled. If the temperature is not forecast to reach 36° C and conditions are considered by the Leadership Team to likely cause stress or extreme discomfort to the students, then a modified program will be introduced.

### **3.2 Junior School**

- All teachers must encourage children to bring water into the classroom for hydration throughout the day all year round. In summer they encourage children to freeze the water bottle overnight.
- Junior School students must wear school hats in Terms 1 and 4 when outside.
- Students are kept indoors during recess and lunch if the temperature is 36°C or above.

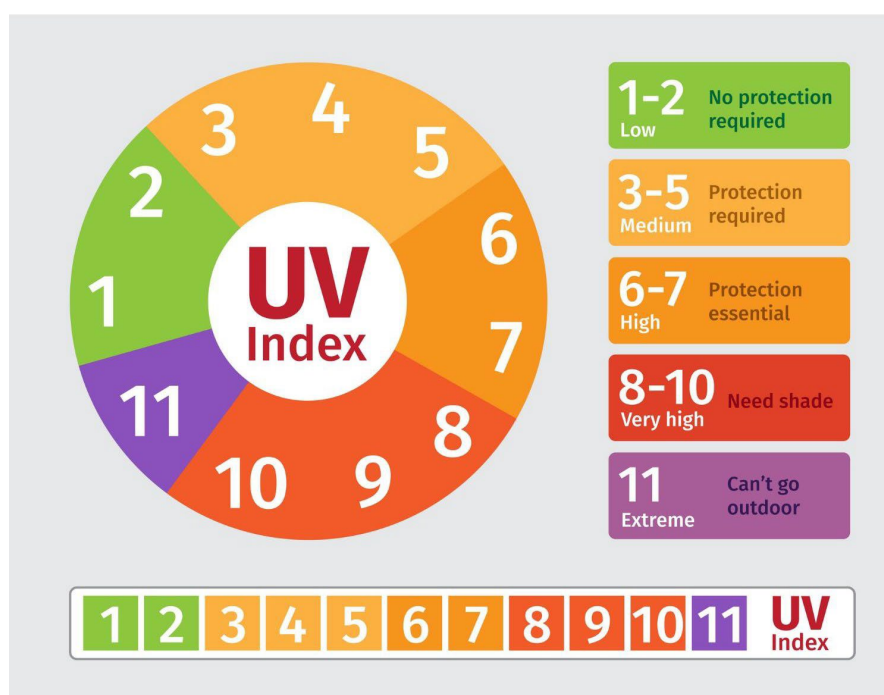
### **3.3 Middle School/Senior School**

- All teachers encourage students to bring water bottles and into class.
- High School students must wear school hats in Terms 1 and 4 when outside.
- School hats are required for PE lessons conducted outdoors.
- Students are encouraged to stay under shade during lunch time if the temperature is 32°C or above.

Bell rung three times – hot/wet weather.

### **3.4 UV index**

Refer to the following chart for further guidance.



## **4. Wet Weather**

During wet weather, it is important that staff take reasonable care to ensure the health and safety of all students. Wet weather is determined by the relevant administration staff and teaching staff.

### **4.1 School Days**

If the weather is too wet to allow for outside play during recess or lunch, students will remain indoors during this time. On occasions where an outdoor activity is planned, these may be postponed, re-scheduled or cancelled at the discretion of teaching staff in consultation with the Leadership Team.

### **4.2 School Sport**

Sporting sessions like Sports day are not cancelled if rain is forecast. The Leadership Team and staff may modify arrangements in the event of excessive rain, where necessary.