

# Mawson Lakes School

## Wet Weather Contingency Plan



Our school values guide our work at Mawson Lakes, and support our vision of Lifelong Learners who positively Influence our Community in a Global Context

### Footbridge closed before school. The Strand crossing open:

- Message to parents on SkoolBag
- Leadership team on duty need to redirect children and parents to The Strand.
- The Leadership team is to supervise students as they use The Strand crossing
- If required, teachers may be approached for help.

### Footbridge flooding during the school day:

Please alert admin staff and they will:

- Send email alert to staff and SkoolBag message to parents
- Reorganise NIT locations so that students stay on their own side.
- Oval duty teachers from Site West to remain on Site West if bridge is closed and help out with duties on the west as there will be extra students.
- Oval closed during these times as there is no duty teacher.

Gates are closed, please do not use the bridge.

If unsure, please ring the office.

### Wet Weather - Footbridge during the school day:

- During class time when rain is **heavy and/or continuous** NIT will be located so that students stay on their own side. Specialist teacher in charge to make the call.

Term 1	HPE	If absent – admin to communicate with trt
Term 2	Arts	
Term 3	Japanese	
Term 4	HPE	

1. Specialist teacher in charge: Email directly to all staff and admin
  - Subject line to state date, lesson time, Staying in class

- E.g. 16/5/23 12:00pm NIT lesson stay in class (if rain is persistent – all day, specialist teacher decides full day call in conjunction with leadership).

- If don't receive an email all staff to assume normal NIT lesson

2. Class teacher: If it is wet outside – check email to remain updated of any changes

- If Oval is closed due to wet ground (leadership to make decision),
  - duty teachers from Site West to remain on Site West and help out with duties on west grass as there will be extra students.
  - Site East staff to help out on Site East grass.
- During recess and lunch, when it is **heavy and/or continuous** rain, classes remain inside as per rain bell.

### Footbridge closed after school. The Strand crossing open:

- The bridge yard duty person needs to redirect children to The Strand
- The SE and SW after school duty teachers need to supervise children as they use The Strand crossing
- The Leadership team (and anyone else required) will support bridge and after school duty teachers.

### Footbridge and The Strand crossing are both closed:

- Admin staff will contact Council for support.
- Front office staff will ring classroom teachers to inform them that the footbridge and Strand Crossing are closed (they in turn will inform their students)
- Children are to be kept on their side of the school. Parents are to collect them from there after school. (We will not walk them from one site to the other)
- The SW drop-off / pick-up zone is to be on Yates Street (near OSHC car park) and the SW after school duty teacher needs to supervise this.

- OSHC educators will collect students from Site East as usual and will walk them back to OSHC via The Strand or Mawson Lakes Boulevard depending on the water levels. Children will be asked to walk in single file to support a safe walk back to the service. Educators will be at the front, middle and back of the line to support active supervision. Educators will wear high vis vests for vision and carry walkie talkies to keep the lines of communication open, one educator will also carry the first aid bag.
- Leadership team (and anyone else required) will support bridge duty and after school duty teachers.
- Students re-directed to Yates Street pick-up area.
- Teachers to carefully monitor student departures.

**Other actions being taken:**

- A note and a map will be included in the newsletter encouraging parents to develop a contingency plan with their children.

**NOTE:** On wet days MLS Leadership will make a decision about the appropriateness of students utilising The Strand to travel between the two sites. Leadership will action appropriate alerts.