



## Hot Weather

At Samaritan College, students are not sent home during the day if the weather becomes too hot. The college believes it is not appropriate to have children, potentially, walk or ride home during the hottest part of the day. Some students may also need to go to homes that are not cooled as well as the college is. Staff need to remember that the age of the student and type of activity being undertaken or planned must be considered when deciding whether heat is a factor.

In cases of extreme heat and longer periods of extreme heat, the college will:

- Allow students to have extra drink breaks
- Use air-conditioned rooms at recess and lunch
- Change planned lessons to allow students to gather in the most cooled areas
- Have students remain in shaded areas during breaks. In extreme heat, the students are not allowed outside at all.
- Make arrangements to have extra cooled classrooms open and supervised when students are not permitted outside during breaks
- Parents are welcome, as they are on any occasion, to collect their child during the day or to keep their child home.
- Allow students to phone home to arrange to be collected if riding their bikes (bikes can be stored at college overnight to assist).