



# BUSH PLAY WOODSIDE

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## EXTREME WEATHER POLICY

Bush Play is an “all-weather” program. This means, unless I deem the weather too risky or “extreme” (unsafe or unpredictable) for participation, sessions continue. The definition of “extreme” is: “when Bureau of Meteorology (BOM) forecasts lightning storms, heavy hail storms, or very high winds.”

Being an outdoor-only program, families will be required to bring and wear suitable clothing for the weather and conditions. This includes wet-weather gear to keep dry, gumboots/enclosed footwear, clothing for warmth, layers for changes in temperature, dry clothes to change into before leaving or for comfort.

We can play in rain, heavy rain, hail, and high winds. In weather deemed to be “slightly risky”, we have 3 specific “safe zones” for this purpose. I have dedicated areas which are either completely open-air, with no trees around, for high wind, and/or where there are smaller numbers of younger trees, which are highly unlikely to fail in windy conditions.

If the weather changes to “extreme” unexpectedly, the “Emergency Whistle” will blast 3 times, we will gather, then retreat, as a group, to our “shelter”. There are two shelters, one on either side of the property. These structures will be used infrequently, and only in cases of extreme weather, due to the nature of being an “all-weather” program, designed with “open-air safe zones”.

If the BOM forecast predicts extreme weather, I will cancel the session at the earliest opportunity, ensuring all participants' families are aware of the cancellation, via our private Facebook Group, email, or text.

As we only operate in Terms 2 and 3, during the cooler months, fire risk or extreme heat is a lesser risk. In the event of a fire, the emergency whistle will blast 3 times, we will gather, and, as a group move

immediately to our known “muster point” (carpark), or the safest “Retreat Space” in the situation.