



Severe Weather Emergency Procedures

During cyclone season it is very important for parents/guardians to be aware of College procedures in the event of closures or affected access due to floods, cyclones or severe weather.

PARENTS/GUARDIANS ARE REQUESTED TO NOTE THE FOLLOWING PROCEDURES IN THE CASE OF AN IMPENDING CYCLONE OR SEVERE WEATHER EVENT

If a decision is made to close the College the following day, the Principal will, where possible, contact all parents/guardians via SMS, social media and/or email, advising that the College will be closed the following day/s.

Parents should note however that where the official position is for the College to remain open, parents/guardians should make their own judgement as to whether it is safe to send their own daughters on the day.

WHERE A CYCLONE/SEVERE WEATHER THREATENS OVERNIGHT

The decision as to whether the College will open for the day will be broadcast on local radio stations **(4TO 102.3FM; 103.1; 4KIG; ABC Radio 4QN; Triple T 103.9 FM)** from 7:00 am or earlier if possible. Parents are advised to keep listening to their local radio station until advice is communicated. In these circumstances it is advisable to keep watch on the St Patrick's College Townsville website and social media.

If the broadcast of this information on radio is delayed it may be because of difficulty reaching the radio station or the availability of information.

WHERE A CYCLONE/SEVERE WEATHER THREATENS DURING A SCHOOL DAY

If a decision is made during school hours to close the College immediately, information will be communicated to Parents/guardians wherever possible through SMS, social media, email, website and will also be broadcast on local radio stations **(4TO 102.3FM; 103.1; 4KIG; ABC Radio 4QN; Triple T 103.9 FM)**. Students who normally travel home by bus or ferry will travel as normal BUT AT ADJUSTED TIMES unless alternative arrangements are advised to the College by parent/guardians. Parents who normally provide transport home for their daughters will be advised by radio stations to collect their daughter/s from school. Immediate collection of students will assist in an efficient closure process and will give College staff the opportunity to leave the College safely.

The College will ensure that all students have a safe means of reaching home. The College Leadership will make arrangements for any student who does not have a safe means of reaching home or appropriate supervision to be cared for at the College.

In the event of emergency/cyclone season, St Patrick's College Townsville will work closely with Townsville Catholic Education and Education Queensland in determining closure and other appropriate action to be taken to ensure student, staff and school safety.

Boarding parents/guardians will be updated via email, SMS and/or social media wherever possible.