Sacred Heart Catholic Primary School &
Early Learning Centre

CYCLONE POLICY

Cyclone advice is broadcast on all radio stations by the Bureau of Meteorology well in advance of a cyclones arrival. ABC Darwin is the Lead Station. Early notices are referred to as Cyclone Watches and as the chances of it hitting increase it will be upgraded to a Cyclone Warning.

If and when conditions deteriorate after the ‘Cyclone Warning” school closures will be announced on radio and TV. If no further deterioration occurs, no school closure will occur.

Sacred Heart Catholic School will follow the advice of the Catholic Education Office. We will not decide to close the school ourselves. In the event of Darwin being placed on a Cyclone Warning overnight, follow the advice on the radio. The cyclone information update number is 1300 359 211.

Parents are free to collect their children (if they are concerned) before an official cyclone school closure has been announced.

If parents are unable to collect children themselves, they should advise who will do so.

Parents should not contact the school to enquire about school closure, but listen for official notification.

Student Safety is Paramount

Children must not leave the classroom unless accompanied by an adult.

Children must be collected from school by parent/caregiver or authorised adult. Collection must be documented.

Students still remaining an hour after official notification will be gathered into a central point where senior staff will supervise them and begin to phone parents.

Students whose parents cannot be contacted after 2 hours will be taken to the nearest cyclone shelter by the Principal or senior staff member.

IT IS ESSENTIAL THAT THE SCHOOL HAVE CURRENT CONTACT DETAILS FOR EVERY STUDENT

To be reviewed in 2019