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Small School – Great Environment

BUSHFIRE PROCEDURE

Kangarilla Primary School is rated as a ‘HIGH FIRE RISK SCHOOL’

Kangarilla Primary School **WILL BE CLOSED AND BUSES CANCELLED** on days when the FIRE DANGER INDEX is CATASTROPHIC = **CODE RED**

CODE RED means FIRE DANGER INDEX (FDI) must be 100 or more.

FDI is calculated on the basis of the degree to which vegetation has cured the wind speed and direction, relative humidity, and the forecast temperature.

The new schools bushfire procedures are aligned with the State’s Fire Danger Rating scale:

Category	Fire Danger Index	Action for Schools
CATASTROPHIC (CODE RED)	100+	CLOSED: Schools and preschools in the affected Fire Ban District with an extreme, very high or high risk rating. CANCELLED: School bus services travelling through the affected Fire Ban District
EXTREME	75-99	Department for Education & Child Development to take advice of fire authorities for Adelaide Hills & other high risk areas regarding school closures. Excursions & Incursions may be cancelled on days of Total Fire Ban in the Mt Lofty Fire Ban District.
SEVERE	50-74	OPEN: normal bushfire plan procedures apply
VERY HIGH	25-49	OPEN: normal bushfire plan procedures apply
HIGH	12-24	OPEN: normal bushfire plan procedures apply
LOW – MODERATE	0-11	OPEN: normal bushfire plan procedures apply

How can you find out about a code red closure?

CATASTROPHIC DAY

Confirmation of a CODE RED day will only occur after 4pm the day before (once it has been confirmed by the CFS (Country Fire Service).

Parents can confirm this by:

- 1: phone contact from the school
- 2: Hotline 1800000279/1300362361 which will operate the day before and throughout school closures
- 3: Signs displayed out the front of the school when possible on days of closure
- 4: Calling Kangarilla PS on 83837068
- 5: ABC 891 radio
- 6: Alert SA - www.alert.sa.gov.

If our site is open and a fire is approaching, the safety of children is our highest priority. Our designated **BUSHFIRE REFUGE** is the safest place for staff and students to be. We will not evacuate unless there are no other options or as advised by CFS or other emergency services.

When we move to our **Bushfire Refuge** we:

- Move everybody inside, close windows, doors and turn off the air-conditioning
- Fill available containers with water
- If it is safe and time permits, turn on all sprinklers and irrigation systems
- Remain inside with the children until the main fire-front passes
- Listen to local radio or monitor the CFS or Alert SA website for bushfire updates and information

PLEASE NOTE:

Kangarilla PS may also be closed on days of EXTREME BUSHFIRE WEATHER CONDITIONS (BASED ON THE ADVICE OF THE CFS) if the school is to be closed we will endeavour to notify you by phone and signs will be displayed out the front of the school when possible. However it is every parent's responsibility during the fire season to be aware of current bushfire ratings.

Remember: FAMILY BUSHFIRE ACTION PLANS are vital. Part of your plan needs to address what action your family will take when the school is closed. THIS NEEDS TO BE DECIDED NOW - You need to protect your family.

Information on fire bans (which will give today's and tomorrow's fire danger rating) and current incidents are available on the CFS website, <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/>

FIRE IN LOCAL DISTRICT

(Clarendon, Meadows, McLaren Flat and Kuinto Forest)

An SMS message will be sent if possible to the designated mobile phone number. When you receive an SMS from the school you **MUST** reply within 10 minutes. This helps the school's process to ensure that the parent has received the message. If you do not respond, the school will attempt to call home/business phone number, once more.

All children will be taken to the FRONT OFFICE area (Area 1) that has been designated as a Last Resort refuge by DECD and CFS and wait to be collected by their parents or by an authorised adult (who has the parent's prior written permission).

FIRE IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY

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All children will be taken to the **FRONT OFFICE ASSEMBLY ROOM** which has been designated as a Last Resort Refuge by DECD and CFS. Children may be collected by parents or authorised adults (who have the parent's prior written permission) once the CFS has declared the area safe.

Please be aware that after a bushfire all communication may be compromised however we will make every effort to contact families. Families are advised to contact CFS or listen to Radio ABC 891 for fire up dates.

Sufficient Staff will remain on duty to adequately care for the children, until all children have been collected.