



Littlehampton Primary School & Preschool

Bushfire Emergencies

The school's FIRE POLICY specifies actions to be taken in the event of internal or external fire, and includes what will happen on days of Catastrophic Weather conditions.

On days of Catastrophic Weather conditions Littlehampton Primary School, Preschool and Out of Hours School Care **will remain open**. This is because our school has been assessed by the CFS as being of Moderate Bushfire Risk, and is deemed safe to remain open. However on some days of particular danger we could be instructed to close the site. It is possible that the instruction to close the site will come after school has closed the previous day.

In the unlikely event that we are directed to close the school and preschool and out of school hours care program:

- A message will be sent to the mobile phone number provided by you for this purpose- please monitor your phone.
- A message will be recorded on the school answering machine.
- Our school closure signs will be placed at the front gate to the school in Baker Street, and the preschool closure sign will be placed at the gate to the preschool in Darnley Street.

In addition, information will be provided through a number of mediums including:

- ABC Radio 891 , ABC TV The (DECS) Website, www.decd.sa.gov.au . As the fire season starts, DECD places a list of schools to be closed on their website:

Being Prepared:

- Fire Drills are held twice a year to ensure children and staff are aware of what to do if there is a fire.
- Test messages are sent out twice a year to our mobile contact for parents.
- It is important that you take action as set out in your Bushfire Survival Plan and that parents have in place arrangements for caring for your children, should we be directed at the last minute to close the school.

Bushfires on days that are not on days of Catastrophic Weather condition.

Of course, bushfires can take place on any day, not just on days of Catastrophic Weather Conditions. Here is our plan for bushfires at any time:

For an **EXTERNAL** fire there will be three levels of awareness.

<u>Level 1. Alert</u>	A day of extreme danger is usually indicted by a Total Fire Ban
<u>Level 2. Alert</u>	A fire starts in the district and could come close to the school
<u>Level 3. Alert</u>	A fire threatens the school grounds.

PLEASE NOTE: Excursions may be cancelled on days of total fire ban, and this is at the discretion of the principal. When there is either a Level 2. or 3. alert, children will be kept at school and will not be dismissed unless they are:

1. collected by parents and the teacher notified
2. collected by another adult who has the parent's permission to collect the child - a phone call or note on that particular day or held in the school files.

Sufficient staff to adequately care for the children will remain on duty until every child has been collected.

On a Level 3. Alert: All children will be kept in the Main Building or the Molly Miels Building to ensure their safety. They will be kept in class groups. All people within the declared safe refuge will stay in place until advised by Principal/Deputy Principal or CFS personnel that is appropriate to leave.

INTERNAL FIRE

The continuous sounding of siren/loud hailer will indicate a fire on the school grounds.

All children will proceed to safe refuge, usually Oval/Cricket Pitch and sit in class groups. Attendance will be checked with the Absentee Book and Class List. Children will stay in position until advised by Principal/Deputy Principal it is appropriate to move.