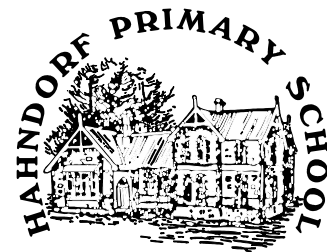


Hahndorf Primary OSHC & Vacation Care Bushfire Procedure



NON CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE WEATHER DAYS

Total Fire Ban (Severe / Extreme) – Level 1

These bans are broadcast on radio and television from 6.00pm and will apply for 24 hours from midnight to midnight the following day. If extreme weather conditions develop suddenly a Total Fire Ban could be announced as late as 7.00am on the morning of the ban.

Parents are asked to monitor these days and be alert for the possibility of removing their children from OSHC / Vac. Care prior to the end of the day in the event of sufficient notice of a local bushfire.

Children must be signed out from OSHC if they leave early.

On Total Fire Ban Days the following procedures will be observed:

- All excursions from the school on that day will be reviewed
- Access gates will be unlocked
- Staff will monitor the radio for bushfire warnings.

Fire reported in the local district – Level 2

A Bushfire Information Message is issued by the CFS to the community to provide information about a bushfire, which is yet to be brought under control and is threatening or has the potential to threaten public safety in the district. These are broadcast on ABC and 5AA radio and the CFS website; www.cfs.org.au.

If the fire occurs before OSHC or Vacation Care, parents are advised to keep their children with them and take action as a family. If the fire occurs during OSHC / Vacation Care staff will continue the procedures as outlined below. If parents / carers choose to collect their children at this time it is critical to alert the staff that this is occurring and to sign the child out so that accurate records of remaining children can be maintained.

Bushfire in immediate vicinity or impacting on our site – APPROACHING BUSHFIRE – Level 3

A bushfire warning message will be issued when a major bushfire is burning out of control in very high to extreme fire weather conditions at the fire, and where CFS is primarily undertaking defensive strategies to protect lives and property. In addition, the message will also only be issued when the risk of loss of life or threat to properties is almost certain or has occurred.

It is anticipated, at this stage of alert, that parents who are able to take their children have collected them, and that the remainder will move into gymnasium which is the Fire Refuge for the school. Your child will only be dismissed when they are signed out from the gymnasium. Obviously parents will seek to collect their children at the safest possible time.

A visit to the CFS website on: www.cfs.org.au is well worth the time for up to date advice. A copy of our full policy is available upon request

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CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE WEATHER DAYS

BUSHFIRE RISK – SCHOOL/ OSHC CLOSURE

The Hahndorf Primary School, Preschool and OSHC sites have been determined by DECS and the CFS as **HIGH RISK**.

Catastrophic bushfire days are days when the weather conditions mean a fire is more likely to start and be more difficult to control.

When a catastrophic bushfire weather day is forecast for the following day by the Bureau of Meteorology, all 'high risk' schools, preschools OSHC services in the declared Fire Ban District will be **closed**, and school buses and taxis will not operate.

Parents and carers will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on catastrophic days.

School / OHSC staff will attempt to make telephone contact with families once a closure has been confirmed.

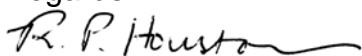
Parents / Caregivers will also be able to confirm a school / OSHC closure by;

- Hotline 1800 000 279 which will operate the day before and through out school / OHSC closures
- Sign displayed out the front of the school (Church St)
- Message on school / OSHC answering machine (8388 7058 school / 8388 7420 OHSC) will confirm details after hours.
- ABC 891 radio and television (to be confirmed).

During days of extreme weather and high risk, the school / OSHC will operate on various levels of alert.

Please make sure your emergency contact details are updated before the bushfire season starts. Upon signing in during Vacation Care, please give us the best emergency contact number for that day.

Regards



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Principal

Sheryl Joseph
Director - OSHC