

BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN

WILLIAMSTOWN PRIMARY SCHOOL, PRESCHOOL & OSHC

ALL EMERGENCIES	000
BUSHFIRE	1300 362 361
RADIO STATION	AM ABC 891
CFS WEBSITE	www.cfs.sa.gov.au
DfE Fire Hotline	1800 000 279
Williamstown PS/Preschool	85246289

Williamstown Primary School has been rated as a “**High Risk**”R2 site. It will be **closed** when Catastrophic (Code Red) bushfire weather conditions are forecast for the **Mt. Lofty Ranges**. A list of sites to be closed will be available on the DfE website www.education.sa.gov.au. We will contact parents using our SMS, Skoolbag and Dojo messaging systems where possible. Please listen carefully to weather reports during the bushfire season and check the CFS website for bans and ratings <https://www.cfs.sa.gov.au/bans-and-ratings/>

In the event of a local bushfire in school hours, and once we have activated our bushfire response plan if you are collecting your children they will need be collected from the **main building (this is our bushfire shelter)**.

All schools now operate under the following guidelines

TOTAL FIRE BAN DAYS

On days of Total Fire Ban, signs will be displayed in each classroom to alert staff, students and parents of their roles on this day. Excursions may be cancelled. Offsite meetings may be cancelled. Parents may choose to keep their children home if this is part of their own family Bushfire Action Plan. Children collected during the day **MUST** be signed out at the front desk.

FIRE IN IMMEDIATE VICINITY/IMPACTING ON SITE

When any of the following occur:

- CFS broadcasts indicate fire is moving toward Williamstown
- Local emergency services advise that a fire will impact on the school
- Advice is received that a bushfire is burning in surrounding townships
- Confirmed sighting of nearby smoke or flame

Staff and students will move to the Main building (Bushfire Shelter). All students bring their bags and water bottles. Teachers bring class fire extinguishers. Class roll books will be checked and students made comfortable. School personnel will liaise with DfE and Emergency Services and prepare for the arrival and passage of the fire front. Parents, or nominated emergency contact people, should only collect their children if imminent fire danger has passed and if it is safe to do so. **ALL** children **MUST** be signed out at the main building (Bushfire Shelter).

Staff and students will remain until the situation has been assessed to be safe.

Staff will begin to reunite families.

Nominated staff members will remain on duty until all students have been collected.

For the safety reasons no student will be dismissed until they have been signed out by an adult.

CASTASTROPHIC FIRE DAYS/CODE RED

A catastrophic (code red) day is when the **Fire Danger Index** reaches and or exceeds **100**. It is likely that the Mt Lofty Ranges could expect a few catastrophic days during each fire season. If a catastrophic fire day is declared for the Mt Lofty Ranges, Williamstown School and Preschool, including the OSHC service will be closed for that day.

PLEASE KEEP THIS INFORMATION IN A CONVENIENT PLACE