FIRE/DISASTER POLICY

The procedures incorporated in these policies have been compiled around our 1st Duty of Care: the safety and welfare of our students.

INTERNAL FIRE: In the event of an internal fire in one of the buildings, a prescribed procedure of evacuation has been put in place and will be practised at regular intervals.

Parent Helpers: If parents are at the school during such an alarm they should report to a staff member or go immediately to the Assembly area.

EXTERNAL FIRE: The school has three levels of bushfire alert -

1. Total Fire Ban Days – severe, extreme (Level 1.)
2. Fire In District (Level 2.)
3. Fire Threatening School (Level 3.)

SOME MAJOR POINTS FOR BUSHFIRE ALERT DAYS AT EVERY LEVEL:

1. Level 1: All school excursions beyond Gumeracha will be cancelled on days declared as a “Total Fire Ban – severe or extreme” day. On days where the Fire Ban is Catastrophic the School will be closed as per DECS guidelines.
2. Level 2 or Level 3 Alert: the children will remain at school and be supervised until a CFS clearance is given. (This will extend to after school dismissal time if necessary.) Therefore it is unnecessary for you to remove your child/children. School buses will not run unless/until a CFS clearance is given.

If for some reason you wish to pick up your child/children, you must: -

- report to the front office (level 2) or Bushfire Ready Room (level 3)
- please do not enter the room – your child/children will be brought to you as you are signing a release form.

This is to ensure an accurate central record is kept on the location of every child.

Children can only be collected by;-

- you personally
- emergency contact persons named on your child’s emergency card
- persons who have your written permission

- The “SAFE REFUGE AREA” for the community is the Main Town Oval.
- The school is a Bushfire Refuge and will be used as such by the school children and OSHC during school/OSHC hours. The Bushfire Refuge is the JP area.

- If a fire is threatening the school, the children will be assembled in the JP Area which is the identified Bushfire Refuge and will remain there until the all clear is given.
- The CFS have assured us that the main building would be a safe refuge even if a fire burnt through the school area.
- Parents may wish to also seek refuge.

School Telephones: On days of Extreme Fire Danger, electricity may be cut in the area. This would affect our telephone lines as they operate on a powered system. However our MOBILE PHONE: (0411 236 105) can be used for urgent calls. We would request that calls be restricted to URGENT ones, as we will also need to receive incoming CFS and other emergency information.

This policy is to be reviewed annually in consultation with staff, the school’s governing council & local CFS

SCHOOL PHONE NO.
WHEN POWER IS CUT
0411 236 105