

BUSHFIRE RESPONSE PLAN (BRP) PARENT INFORMATION

PARENT INFORMATION	<p>The schools Bushfire Response Plan is in place to manage bushfires and conducts evacuation drills each school term. This is to ensure staff and students follow the appropriate procedures in the event of a bushfire.</p> <p>There are three ALERT LEVELS for staff and students to identify the process required to manage the levels of risk. Procedures for each level are listed below. At all levels of alert, the Principal is responsible for decision-making regarding the safety and movement of students and staff, unless SA Police and Emergency Services intervenes directly or through an authorised officer, whose authority to act has been established beyond reasonable doubt. In the case of bushfire, the wellbeing of St Catherine's students will be paramount.</p>
LEVEL 1 ALERT	<p>This alert is declared on days of extreme fire danger in the Mt Lofty Region.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff and students are notified that a LEVEL 1 ALERT due to Total Fire Ban. • Teachers discuss the LEVEL 1 ALERT safety procedures with students at this level.
LEVEL 2 ALERT	<p>Alert 2 is declared in response to a BUSHFIRE INFORMATION MESSAGE issued by the SA Police and Emergency Services advising of a potential threat to public safety by a bushfire in our 'Area of Concern'.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • The school's 'Area of Concern' includes both the school grounds and the surrounding district from which our students live – ie the area in which a fire represents a potential danger to any of St Catherine's students. • When the school declares a LEVEL 2 ALERT, the Principal/ Communication Officer will announce warning via school PA. system to notify teacher and students of the school's procedures. • If necessary, the Principal will also notify the official fire information radio station ABC AM 891 of the school's procedures, so that parents and caregivers can be kept informed. • School will issue Level 2 Alert messages via Skoolbag notification (email) and SEQTA (SMS) • It is recommended that parents collect their children at level 2. • Parents MUST enter through the Main Entrance to collect students and sign them out before leaving the school. • Students can be collected by an "authorised substitute" which means a person authorised as a result of a phone call from the child's parent giving permission for the student to be collected. <p>If the LEVEL 2 ALERT continues beyond the normal dismissal time, the school will seek to use the ABC AM 891 radio station to notify parents of its decisions regarding dismissal of students. Apps are now available for monitoring progress of fires and via CFS website.</p>
LEVEL 3 ALERT	<p>Alert 3 comes into operation when a BUSHFIRE WARNING MESSAGE is given to advise that a bushfire in the district presents a direct threat to the school grounds and buildings.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Students who remain at school will be in their classroom with teachers, except for Yr 5/6 who will be in the Wet Area with a teacher. • Sign out station set up at front of school. • Parents MUST enter through the Main Entrance to collect students and sign them out before leaving the school. • Students can be collected by an "authorised substitute". A person authorised because of a phone call from the child's parent giving permission for the student to be collected. • If directed by Emergency Services to evacuate the site, all remaining students and staff will be moved to the safest Last Refuge Area. Where possible, a Skoolbag email notification and a SEQTA SMS will • be sent to families, otherwise please keep informed via ABC AM 891 and other emergency broadcasts.
After Event	<p>Notice of school recommencement after an emergency event (Level 3 Event) will be announced by the Principal via Skoolbag notification (email) and SMS using SEQTA.</p>