




What to do in the event of local bush fire activity

Ashtonfield Public School - Information for parents and carers

|  | ADVICE ALERT |  | WATCH AND ACT ALERT |  | EMERGENCY WARNING ALERT |
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| <p>A bush fire has started, there is no immediate danger, our school will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Update student rolls and account for early leavers/absences in our school system Monitor air quality and adjust school activities accordingly i.e. if smoke affected cease outdoor activities Monitor Fire Danger Ratings, <i>Fires Near Me</i> app, <i>Live Traffic NSW</i> app and local ABC Radio Parents/carers will be kept informed via the School Website, Skoolbag, Facebook or email. | <p>There is a heightened level of threat and bush fire conditions are changing, in addition to the Advice Alert procedures:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> If possible, we will alert parents/carers the day before via the School Website, Skoolbag, Facebook or email. If the district is affected by heavy smoke, consider keeping students with an Asthma Plan at home. Parents/carers stay updated using the <i>Fires Near Me</i> app, <i>Live Traffic NSW</i> app and/or listen to local ABC Radio School will take action to prepare i.e. provide regular updates of bush fire activity to all occupants and prepare bush fire emergency equipment We will liaise with Local RFS Control Centre for support and advice. If required, we will take action to implement our <i>Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan</i> | | | | <p>This is the highest level of bush fire alert.</p> <p>Our school will take action to implement our <i>Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan</i></p> <p>We will continue liaising with Local RFS Control Centre and keep parents/carers informed of all actions taken by the school</p> |

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

We will be evaluating the safety of all staff and students, with the [Local RFS Control Centre](#), throughout the bush fire event. If the threat is increasing it may be determined that it would be safer for all persons to evacuate to our designated refuge at **GREENHILLS SHOPPING CENTRE FOOD COURT**.

If an **EVACUATION** is to occur we will:

- Immediately inform parents/carers via the [School Website](#), [Skoolbag](#), [Facebook](#) or [email](#)
- Safe transportation will be coordinated to relocate all persons to our designated evacuation refuge. Depending on availability, students will walk or be bussed.
- Information will be provided all parents/carers and arrangements will be made for the safe pick up of all persons from the designated evacuation refuge.

SHELTERING PROCEDURES

Under the guidance of emergency services we may be required to **SHELTER IN PLACE**.

If **SHELTER IN PLACE** procedures are to occur:

- All occupants will be relocated and accounted for at our designated refuge in school grounds
- Parents/carers **DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL** we will be safely sheltering in place and keeping all staff and students calm through activities and games.
- It's important that parents/carers take measures to activate your family Bush Fire Survival Plan
- We will continue to keep you informed via the [School Website](#), [Skoolbag](#), [Facebook](#) or [email](#).