



Bushfire Action Plan – Parent Information

One Tree Hill Primary School & Preschool has a **'high risk'** bushfire rating.

This means on days of catastrophic bushfire weather warnings, our school/preschool will be closed. School buses will not operate.

CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE WEATHER DAYS

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 and preschools in the declared Fire Ban District will be closed, and school buses will not operate. No staff will be on site so it is imperative that students do not attend school.

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

We will make every attempt to contact parents and carers to inform them that our school or CPC will be closed.

Please make sure your emergency contact details are updated before the bushfire season starts.

How will you know when schools are to be closed?

- An advanced warning will be provided by the school by letter following advice by bushfire authorities two days prior to the **possible** closure.
- Confirmation of the closure will be provided by our school the day before the proposed closure by letter, an answering phone service, and a sign out the front of the school.

Up-to-date information will also be available from the following:

- [Bushfire and your child's school or preschool](#)
- Hotline (1800 000 279)
- ABC Radio 891

We encourage families to develop a Catastrophic/ Code Red Action Plan to ensure the safety and wellbeing of your children on such days. Such plans could include staying with a parent at home or work, and local arrangements with neighbours or friends.

The site Bushfire Action Plan and the Bushfire Management Strategy are designed to ensure your child's safety and wellbeing at all times.



BEFORE THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Our school and CPC have prepared for the bushfire season and developed plans for the threat of a bushfire. We have consulted with fire authorities and building specialists to be better prepared.

Each year we:

- Complete a Bushfire Safety Audit checklist.
- Prepare buildings and grounds including clearing gutters, and removing vegetation
- Prepare and keep up to date an Emergency Supplies Kit in the Admin building
- Update our Bushfire Action Plan and inform families of changes.
- Practice bushfire safety drills.
- Ensure power-fail telephone handsets are in working order.
- Ask parents and carers to update their emergency contact details.

HOW YOU CAN HELP

We ask parents and carers to:

- Read all bushfire information provided.
- Talk to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or CPC.
- Make sure your emergency contact details are up-to-date with our school or preschool.