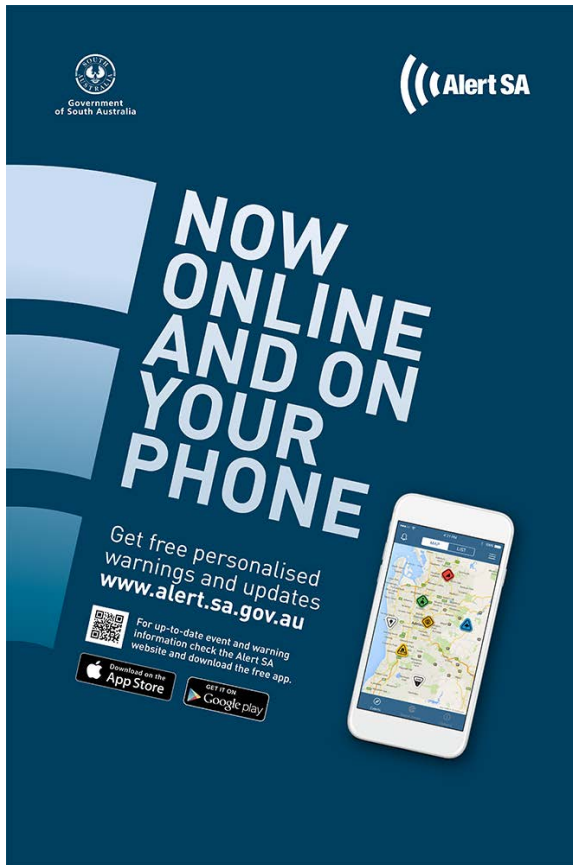


DECD is currently working in conjunction with Alert SA for school closures to appear on their website and mobile app. We strongly recommend you download the Alert SA app to your mobile device to keep up to date of real-time event and warning information in South Australia.



The fire danger season can be an anxious time for children and families, DECD schools and preschools in high risk bushfire areas have Emergency and Bushfire Response Plans to keep everybody as safe as possible in the event of a bushfire or other emergency.

We hope that we will never have to enact our plans; however we are working with parents, carers, and our community to ensure we are prepared for a bushfire emergency and trust we will have your support. Please help us prepare for the Fire Danger Season by;

- Reading all bushfire information provided to you
- Talk to your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
- Make sure your emergency contact details are updated before the start of the Fire Danger Season
- Make a personal Bushfire Survival Plan for your family and let us know if this will affect your child's attendance

By being prepared, and acting now, you will help us to be Fire Danger Season ready and keep your children as safe as possible.

We thank you for your support.

Approaching Bushfire

If our site is open and a bushfire is approaching, the safety of children is our highest priority. Our designated *Bushfire Refuge* is the safest place for staff and students to be. We will not evacuate unless there are no other options or as advised by CFS or other emergency services.

When we move to our *Bushfire Refuge* we:

- Move everybody inside, close windows, doors, and turn off the air-conditioning
- Fill available containers with water
- If it is safe and time permits, turn on all sprinklers and irrigation systems
- Remain inside with the children until the main fire-front passes
- Listen to local radio or monitor the CFS or AlertSA website for bushfire updates and information

Liaise with DECD Security, Bushfire and Emergency Management team and CFS to be informed about changing conditions.

Further Information

The **DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 000 279** will be activated during days of forecast catastrophic fire danger ratings or an actual bushfire

CFS Bushfire Information Hotline 1300 362 361

DECD Bushfire and Emergency Management Website
www.crisis.sa.edu.au

SA Country Fire Service (CFS) Website
www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Alert SA
www.alert.sa.gov.au



Saddleworth Early Learning Centre has a **'high risk'** bushfire rating.

This means on days of a forecast catastrophic fire danger rating, our site will be **closed**.

School buses and taxis will not operate within the Fire Ban District.

School/Preschool Number:

88474245 Fiona: 0438609137

Note: This number may be engaged during an emergency situation. If you are unable to get through please contact the

DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline - 1800 000 279

Forecast Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating

Catastrophic Fire Danger Days occur when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire and if a fire starts and takes hold it will be extremely difficult to control.

When a catastrophic fire danger rating 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.

We (the site) will contact parents and carers to inform them of the closure.

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

No Vacation or Out of School Hours Care will operate on these days

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