



Coromandel Valley Kindergarten

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COROMANDEL VALLEY KINDERGARTEN BUSHFIRE PROCEDURE

Parent information on procedures for CATASTROPHIC (over 100) fire rating days

On such days the kindergarten will be closed. The Bureau of Meteorology & the CFS will provide advice before a forecast catastrophic day that pre-schools & schools will possibly close.

This will be forwarded to us by DECD. We will inform you as soon as possible of the decision to close the kindergarten. It may be difficult for us to inform everybody, so please keep yourself informed by visiting the dedicated web sites & by listening to radio & television news.

A dedicated web site, www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au, has been established & the parent helpline number with closure information is 1800 000 279.

Notices of daily fire ratings & bushfire warnings are also on local ABC AM891 or 5AA.

The fire danger rating is issued by the Bureau of meteorology after 4pm the day before & is available at www.bom.gov.au.

To assist you with your family's bushfire emergency plan & the new fire ratings visit www.cfs.sa.gov.au.

Please factor in pre-school & school closures when preparing your own family bushfire plan.

At our site the:

1. Staff are aware of the required procedures for each fire rating level and our site's bush fire procedures.
2. On fire rating days of extreme & severe (rating of over 50), it is your decision whether your child attends kindergarten. We will be open and children are welcome to attend as usual.
3. Bushfire prevention maintenance is programmed for terms 1 and 4 to reduce fire hazards and the Director attends fire safety training. All parents are encouraged to assist at our Working Bees to maintain a safe environment.
4. On days when the fire rating is extreme & below children will be dismissed at the normal time, provided a fire is not threatening the district. Children may be collected at any time during a session by a parent or carer. On these days excursions will be reviewed & either altered or cancelled.
5. In the event of a bushfire threatening, or in our area of concern, children will be supervised and taken care of inside the kindergarten, no matter how late. Advice from police and CFS will be followed.
6. All children will be kept in the middle room, as our designated Bushfire Resort, until the bushfire passes and advice is received from police and CFS. Children and staff will only be evacuated in accordance with CFS advice.
7. In the event of a bushfire in or threatening the district, please be aware that there may be traffic congestion and that emergency vehicles have first priority, landline telephones may not operate and roads may be closed. You may be unable to collect your child until emergency services deem it safe to do so. The kindergarten & staff are prepared for this emergency.
8. Coromandel Valley Kindergarten is regarded as being a high to very high fire risk site. Our site is in the Mt Lofty Fire Region.

PLEASE RETAIN THIS INFORMATION FOR FUTURE REFERENCE

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