



GULFVIEW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL

Bushfire Hazard Management Plans

On Site General Vegetation

During Term 3 Principal will meet with Governing Council Grounds / OHSW Committee and conduct an inspection of site vegetation.

They will review and assess potential bushfire hazards around the site with relation to the vegetation guidelines provided. All grasses and shrubs more than 10 cm in height and growing within 20 metres of buildings around the site have been removed.

Tall trees within 20 metres of buildings have been trimmed of branches up to a height of 2 metres.

Overhanging trees branches have been trimmed to a distance of 2 metres from building rooflines.

They will determine action required to meet the guidelines.

Trimming, cutting back and removal of trees, slashing of undergrowth, mowing of grassed areas, etc.

They will consider if the Grounds Committee and groundsperson can carry out necessary actions.

The Principal will contact Site Facility Manager for additional assistance if required.

Remedial action will be undertaken before start of Term 4.

The groundsperson will undertake regular inspections and maintain required clearances during the year.

On Site 'Native Vegetation'

During Term 3 Principal will meet with Governing Council Grounds / OHSW Committee and conduct an inspection of site vegetation.

Our site is surrounded by areas of Native Vegetation. It is likely to impact on the site facilities during an intense bush fire.

There are special conditions to be met when dealing with Native Vegetation. Approval is required from the Minister of Environment and Conservation before the area can be touched.

Principal will contact and seek advice from:

Craig Whisson - Native Vegetation Secretariat (81244755)

Vicky Linton – Manager DEH Heritage Agreements (82229415)

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After receiving advice, the Grounds Committee will put together a Bushfire Management Strategy for the area as part of the whole site Bushfire Hazard Management Plan and apply to the Native Vegetation Council for permission to reduce the bushfire hazard caused by the area of vegetation.

Salisbury Council Vegetation

During Term 3 Principal will meet with staff of the Salisbury Council and conduct an inspection of adjacent Reserve to the South of the school, and conservation park to the East of the school (Sunrise Hill). The vegetation at both locations could impact on Gulfview Heights Primary School site during an intense bushfire.

They will review and assess potential bushfire hazards and possible impact of the external vegetation on the school site.

They will negotiate and agree on remedial action needed to take place.

Slashing of verge, removal of noxious weeds and woody weeds, creation of fire breaks along school boundary etc.

If necessary the Principal will make a written request to the Salisbury Council to undertake the required actions before the start of Term 4.

The Principal will also request ongoing inspection and maintenance by Council staff during the year.

Vegetation in Neighbouring Properties

During Term 3 the Principal and Chairperson of the Governing Council will meet with the owner of the property on the northern boundary of the school.

The unmaintained vegetation along the boundary fence could impact on Gulfview Heights Primary School site during an intense bushfire.

They will negotiate and agree on remedial action needed to take place and who will undertake it.

Slashing of verge, removal of noxious weeds and woody weeds, creation of fire breaks along school boundary.

If necessary the Governing Council will make a written request to the neighbour to undertake the required actions before the start of Term 4.

The Principal will seek advice from the Salisbury Council if vegetation continues to provide a bushfire threat to the site.

The Principal will request ongoing inspection by Council staff during the year