



# **BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY**

## **Northern Adelaide Region School Communities**

### **GULFVIEW HEIGHTS PRIMARY SCHOOL**

The State Government will close identified schools and preschools in specific fire ban districts on days when the FIRE DANGER INDEX is forecast at 100 or more, that is, CATASTROPHIC or CODE RED level.

**Gulfview Heights Primary School is listed in the Adelaide Metropolitan Fire Ban District. It is likely that these days will be rare but it is imperative that procedures are followed on these days for the safety of all staff and students.**

#### **Fire Danger Index (FDI)**

The Fire Danger Index is not to be confused with the temperature of the day. The FDI is calculated on the basis of the degree to which vegetation has cured; the wind speed; and the forecast temperature.

When these closures occur, identified school bus services will also be cancelled to minimise the risk of children and staff travelling on roads during catastrophic / code red days.

#### **How will you know when schools are to be closed?**

- An advance warning will be provided by the school by letter following advice by bushfire authorities two days prior to the possible closure. This will need to be signed and returned to school via each child's class teacher to ensure all parents have received this warning.
- Confirmation of the closure will be provided by your school the day before the proposed closure by letter, an answering phone service, the school website and a sign out the front of the school.
- It is important to remember that sites are closed totally on these days. No staff will be on site so it is imperative that students do not attend school.

#### **Up-to-date information will be available from your school and the following :**

- [www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au](http://www.bushfirereadyschools.sa.gov.au),
- **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 sites **Bushfire Action Plan** and the **Bushfire Management Strategy** are designed to ensure your child's safety and wellbeing at all times.

Attached are copies of letters **(A Warning Notice and Confirmation of School Closure Notice)** to be sent home in the event of a possible School Closure.

Date

Bushfire Management Strategy - WARNING NOTICE  
Early Notification of Possible School Closure

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

This is early notification that the school may be closed on \_\_\_\_\_ due to a Catastrophic/Code Red Fire Danger Index Rating in the Adelaide Metropolitan Fire Ban District.

This may be confirmed via letter tomorrow once the bushfire authorities and DECS Northern Adelaide regional office have advised me accordingly.

We provide this information to assist parents / carers in making early care arrangements for their children, in the event this warning is enacted.

Parents need to ensure the following in the event of a school closure:

- Do not send your child/children to school
- Enact your Catastrophic / Code Red Family Action Plan

Regular updates and further information can be obtained from:

- Hotline (1800 000 279)
- ABC Radio 891
- [www.bushfirereadschools.sa.gov.au](http://www.bushfirereadschools.sa.gov.au).

Any specific enquiries can be directed to the Northern Adelaide Regional Office on Ph: 82568111.

Yours Sincerely

Chris Zunis  
Principal

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BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT STRATEGY - EARLY WARNING NOTICE

(Please sign and return the tear off slip below that you have received this information)

Child's Name:

Child's Class Teacher:

I/We have received the EARLY WARNING NOTICE ABOUT A POSSIBLE SCHOOL CLOSURE on

\_\_\_\_\_.

Parent/Guardian signature:

Dated:

Date

**Bushfire Management Strategy  
Confirmation of School Closure**

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

This is official notification that the school will be closed on \_\_\_\_\_  
due to a Catastrophic/Code Red Fire Danger Index Rating in the Adelaide Metropolitan Fire  
Ban District.

Parents need to ensure the following:

- Do not send your child/children to school
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