Days forecast as Catastrophic Bushfire Weather Conditions

Bushfires pose a threat to the whole community, including schools. School communities need to prepare for bushfires. State Schools and preschools rated as having a high fire risk will close on days forecast as catastrophic (code Red) bushfire weather conditions.

THIS INCLUDES OUR VACATION CARE SERVICE!!

The procedures will apply from the start of the fire danger season. Parents need to be vigilant in looking for days forecast as catastrophic bushfire weather conditions through television weather forecasts at the end of the news. Alternatively information can be found on the Bureau of Meteorology and CFS websites. If a day is forecast as having Catastrophic Bushfire weather conditions, parents will need to make alternative care arrangements for their child/ren.

Where possible, OSHC & Vacation Care staff will also pop School Closure advice on display at our service.

Procedure for collection due to a fire in the Coromandel Valley area:

The current Bushfire Policy for our school will be followed if we are on the school site. Should we become aware of a fire in the vicinity of our school whilst on an excursion, the following steps will be taken:

1 – The Educator in charge will discuss with the bus driver a collection site for parents with multiple access points and within a reasonable distance from the event. A place will be chosen that has access to water, toilets and food where possible. Eg Marion Shopping Centre

2 – Parents and/or emergency contacts (when parents are unattainable) will be sent a text message to which you must reply, to be informed of the situation and given details of the collection point.

3 – Service staff will stay with children until all have been collected and signed out of our care.