

Tanilba Bay Public School

What to do in the event of local bush fire activity

Information for parents and carers



ADVICE ALERT



WATCH AND ACT ALERT



EMERGENCY WARNING ALERT

A bushfire has started, there is no immediate danger, our school will:

- Update student rolls and account for early leavers/absences in our school system
- Monitor air quality and adjust school activities accordingly i.e. if smoke affected cease outdoor activities
- Monitor Fire Danger Ratings, Fires Near Me app, Live Traffic NSW app and local ABC Radio
- Parents/carers will be kept informed via Skoolbag, Facebook or SMS.

There is a heightened level of threat and bush fire conditions are changing in addition to the Advice Alert procedures:

- If possible, we will alert parents/carers the day before via Skoolbag,
 Facebook or SMS. If the district is affected by heavy smoke, consider keeping students with an Asthma Plan at home
- Parents/carers stay updated using the Fires Near Me app, Live Traffic NSW app and/or listen to local ABC Radio
- School will take action to prepare i.e. provide regular updates of bush fire activity to all occupants and prepare bush fire emergency equipment
- We will liaise with Local RFS Control Centre for support and advice. If required, we will take action to implement our Bush Fire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan.

Highest level of bush fire alert.

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If advised to send children home by Emergency Services, parents informed by all communication means available. Children may only leave with designated contacts.

School continues to liaise with RFS and keep parents/carers informed of actions.

SHELTERING PROCEDURES

In the event of an approaching bush fire threatening our school premises within 1-2 hours, our primary action is to **SHELTER IN PLACE**

- All occupants will be relocated and accounted for at our designated refuge
- Parents/carers DO NOT COME TO THE SCHOOL (unless advised/asked to)
 we will be safely sheltering in place and keeping all staff and students
 calm through activities and games
- It's important that parents/carers take measures to activate your family Bush Fire Survival Plan
- We will continue to keep you informed via Skoolbag, Facebook or SMS.

EVACUATION PROCEDURES

We will be evaluating the safety of all staff and students, with the Local RFS Control Centre, throughout the bush fire event. If the threat is increasing, it may be determined that it would be safer for all persons to evacuate to our designated refuge. If an EVACUATION is to occur we will:

Immediately inform parents/carers via Skoolbag, Facebook or SMS

- Safe transportation will be coordinated to relocate all persons to our designated evacuation refuge
- Information will be provided to all parents/carers and arrangements will be made for the safe pick up of all persons from the designated evacuation refuge.