



Bushfire Action Plan 2023/2024

Hawthorndene Kindergarten is rated as a '**high risk**' site

Catastrophic Fire Day

What does this mean for you?

- If a Catastrophic Day is declared in the Mount Lofty Ranges, Hawthorndene Kindergarten will be closed.
- If upgraded during a kindy day, regular operations will remain.
- Schools and kindergartens to be closed may be listed on TV and radio.
- Parents will be contacted via mobile and email that the kindy is closed.
- Please listen carefully to the weather reports during the bushfire season to stay informed and to enact your family's Bushfire Action Plan.
- Signs will be visible on the gates leading into kindy that kindy is closed.

Fire in Immediate Vicinity/Impacting Our Site

When any of the following occur,

- Security and Emergency Management Unit (SEMU) advise the kindy of threat
- CFS broadcasts indicate fire moving towards the Hawthorndene region
- Local emergency services indicate the fire threat will impact our kindergarten
- Advice that fire is burning in the area and will impact our kindergarten
- Confirmed sighting of nearby smoke or flames

Staff and children will move to the main kindergarten building to shelter in place. The roll will be taken, and children kept comfortable. Responsible person on site will liaise with SEMU and will prepare for the arrival and passage of fire front. Staff and children will remain there until the situation is assessed to be safe.

Parents are not to ring the kindy in the event of a bushfire. This is so our phone lines remain open for emergency services contact. Instead, parents **MUST** contact **SEMU** hotline (1800 00279) for information on when imminent fire danger has passed as children will not be released if the site is in imminent danger. When safe, children **WILL ONLY** be released to parents or emergency contacts.

All Communication will be through email and/or mobile messaging.

Total Fire Ban Day

- Signage on whiteboard
- Meetings, excursions, incursions, visitors and playgroup will be cancelled
- You may collect your child early as a result of your family's Bushfire Action Plan



Contact the Bushfire
Information Hotline
1800 362 361 (TTY 133 677)
@Countryfireservice
@CFSAlerts



Department for Education Emergency Hotline
SEMU Ph: 1800 000 279
Radio Bush Fire Information AM891