

## **MC Preschool Bushfire Plan 2018/19: ALL FAMILIES PLEASE READ & KEEP HANDY**

Important information about the updated Bushfire Action Plan that will be followed at Mount Compass Preschool.

All DECD schools in declared bushfire prone areas have been allocated a bushfire risk rating from R1 through to R4. **Our risk rating is R2.**

**Our R2 rating means Mount Compass Preschool and School closes when the forecast is for CATASTROPHIC conditions in the MOUNT LOFTY region.**

**No services will be offered to children and their families on these fire closure days.**

**School bus services will also be cancelled on days where the forecast is for catastrophic bushfire weather conditions in the MOUNT LOFTY fire ban region.**

DECD sites will receive advice from the Bureau of Meteorology, after 4 pm, about the following day's forecast. A recorded message will be left on the **School's message bank (85568219)** alerting families of any such closure. Information will also be provided on the DECD Parent Hotline (1800 000 279), ABC Radio 891 and local regional stations, ABC TV and the DECS website [www.decd.sa.gov.au](http://www.decd.sa.gov.au).

**If a fire in the area threatens the preschool during preschool hours the Preschool buildings have been designated as our Bushfire Refuge area.**

All children and staff will stay there until the fire danger has passed.

It is important that parents understand that no one leaves the Safe Refuge area until the situation outside has been assessed as safe by the preschool staff in consultation with the Emergency Services. Children will be cared for at the preschool. Once it is safe to leave children will be collected by their parents or emergency contact people with authority to collect, as nominated on enrolment form. Children's names, along with the names of the people collecting them, will be recorded as they leave the Bushfire Refuge building.

**If there is a fire in the Mount Lofty region that could impact on regular bus routes** then buses will not be permitted to leave the site until SAPOL or the CFS indicate that it is safe to do so.

If a bushfire prevents the school buses leaving preschool children who catch the school bus will wait at **SCHOOL** and be supervised at **school** until they are collected by parents or a nominated person. Children will not be released into the care of 'family friends/relatives' unless a direct contact to the main school Reception desk is made by the parents concerned. **Parents are also required to sign a 'Use of School Bus Service' form prior to using the service.**

Children who travel on buses will be taken through the procedures to be followed if the bus is caught in a fire path during a trip to or from school.

**On days when there is a SEVERE or EXTREME fire danger rating PRESCHOOL WILL RUN AS NORMAL.**

Excursions away from site **may** be cancelled for the day. Off site meetings for staff **may** also be cancelled. Preschool based meetings **may** be cancelled. These decisions will be made by preschool staff.

**Total Fire Ban signs will be placed at site entrances.**

**It is critical that the preschool has up to date information about contact details for all families, including parents' work numbers, mobile numbers, emergency contact names and phone/mobile numbers.**



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