

Port Broughton Kindergarten Catastrophic Bushfire Day Procedure



In the event of a Catastrophic Bushfire alert day as prescribed by the CFS and Bureau of Meteorology, the Kindergarten will be closed.

We are following the policy and procedures set by the Port Broughton Area School as we are situated adjacent to their site and rely on the bus transport provided by the school. This is a DECD decision made after close consultation with the Weather Bureau and CFS.

On days of Kindergarten closure, we cannot ensure the safety of children and therefore we are unable to have them on premises. We will not accept children on a closure day as a result of a Catastrophic Bushfire alert.

The Kindergarten may be given warning up to 48 hours in advance of the closure; however it will not be confirmed until after 4pm on the day before the closure, when we are not in session.

If the Kindergarten is closed, please observe the following:-

1. We are located in the **Yorke Peninsula** fire ban district.
2. No school buses will run on that day. **PLEASE NOTE:** PBAS buses (Clements Gap & Mundoorra) run through the Mid North fire ban district and will not run in the case of Catastrophic rating for that district even though we and the school may be open.
3. The local media ie GTS BKN news at 6.30pm and ABC radio the evening before, will inform you of the catastrophic fire danger rating for each area.
4. The Kindergarten staff will attempt to ring you and inform you of the closure.
5. Parents/ Caregivers may call Kindergarten staff for information after hours on 0429 162 609.
6. Kindergarten staff will leave messages and email if possible when no direct contact is made.
7. There will be no staff onsite on the day of the Catastrophic Fire Danger warning and the Kindergarten will be locked.
8. This policy is a result of the loss of life in the Victorian Bushfires. We are trying our best to ensure the safety of our Kindergarten community and seek your co-operation in this matter.

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Signed: _____

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