



Bushfire Action Plan 2023-2024

Hawthorndene Primary School is rated as a "high risk" site.

Catastrophic Fire Days

If a **Catastrophic** fire day is declared for the Mt Lofty Ranges, Hawthorndene Primary School, OSHC and Vacation Care will be **CLOSED**. If the forecast is upgraded to Catastrophic during the school day, regular operations will remain and students will remain at school. Schools to be closed may be listed on the TV and radio. We will contact all parents via Audiri and email. Please listen carefully to weather reports during the bushfire season to stay informed.

Fire in Immediate Vicinity/Impacting On Site

When any of the following occur:

- Security and Emergency Management Unit advise the school of threat
- CFS broadcasts indicate fire is moving toward Hawthorndene
- Local emergency services advise that a fire will impact on the school
- Advice is received that a bushfire is burning in surrounding area and may impact the school
- Confirmed sighting of nearby smoke or flame

Staff and students will move to the Main Building. Our **Bushfire Shelter is the Main Building**.

Class roll books will be checked and students made comfortable. School personnel will liaise with Security and Emergency Management Unit (SEMU) and prepare for the arrival and passage of the fire front.

Staff and students will remain in the Main Building/Bushfire Shelter until the situation has been assessed to be safe.

Parents or nominated emergency contacts may only collect their children if imminent fire danger has passed and if it is safe to do so. Communication will be sent via Audiri and email.

ALL children **MUST** be signed out at the Front Office/Bushfire Shelter.

Nominated staff members will remain on duty until all students have been collected.

Total Fire Ban Day

On days of Total Fire Ban signs will be visible in the window of the Front Office and at the back door to alert staff, students and parents. Excursions may be cancelled. Offsite meetings may be cancelled. Parents may choose to keep their children home if this is part of the family Bushfire Action Plan. Children collected during the day **MUST** be signed out at the Front Office.

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