External Fires & Floods

POLICY

Rationale
This policy has been developed to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors at our school in the event of a fire or flood.

Aims
- To ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors at our school in the event of a fire or flood.
- To adopt a practical safety measure to ensure the safety of students, staff and visitors.
- To inform parents and students of processes in the event of a fire or flood.

Implementation
- This policy should be read in conjunction with the school’s Emergency Management Plan.
- If there is a major fire in the area during the school day, or flood waters rise in the areas of student catchment, students will remain at the school until the emergency has passed and it is safe to travel.
- Staff will remain at school to supervise students in these circumstances. Parents should be aware that emergency services request that people make only essential journeys in times of fire or flood. Parents should only travel to school to pick up children when it is safe to do so.
- Every effort will be made to contact parents of students kept at school.
- Cardinia Primary School is classified by the Department of Education and Early Childhood Development (DEECD) as a HIGH RISK school during the State’s fire season from ember attack. As a result, on severe fire days and Total Fire Ban days for the Victorian Central Region, parents should consider their options about sending their children to school on such days.
- Parents who live in very high fire danger areas should consider keeping their students at home on days of Total Fire Ban.

Evaluation
This policy will be reviewed every three (3) years or as deemed necessary.