



# 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 not on the Department of Education and Training's Bushfire At-Risk Register.
- On declared Code Red days the school will remain open, unless a direction to close the school has been received from the Department of Education and Training and/or Emergency Services or the school is directly threatened by a fire or other emergency.
- Off-site activities, such as camps, sporting activities and excursions, may be cancelled, postponed or relocated if they are in a high bushfire risk area affected by a declared Code Red day.
- Parents who live in high bushfire risk areas should consider keeping their children at home on a declared Code Red day.

### Evaluation

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