



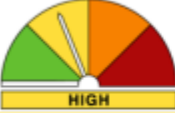



# Bushfire Advice 2025

## BUSHFIRE RESPONSE and POSSIBLE TEMPORARY SCHOOL CLOSURE

As the summer bushfire season approaches, please note the following important information. Being Bushfire Ready is a shared responsibility and the following are some of the key initiatives that the SA Government has implemented:

1. A telephone and text messaging warning system - alerts relating to the most severe fire threats will be sent to landline and mobile phones based on the owner's billing address or mobile geographical location.
2. A National framework for fire warnings which includes the fire danger ratings scale: 'High', 'Extreme' and 'Catastrophic' indicating that the Fire Danger Index (FDI) exceeds 100. The Fire Danger Ratings and the Fire Danger Index are used in tandem by the Bureau of Meteorology to inform the community about the predicted weather conditions.
3. PREPARE. ACT. SURVIVE. - to reinforce the message that people won't survive a bushfire unless they are prepared and take the appropriate actions to survive.
4. Guidelines and procedures from the CFS for "directed evacuation" involving Police and other emergency services.
5. "Neighbourhood Safer Places" to be used as an alternative for shelter from a bushfire.

Category	General Advice	Action for schools
	<b>For your survival, leave bushfire risk areas</b> <b>If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost</b>	<b>SCHOOL CLOSURE and CANCELLATION OF SCHOOL BUS SERVICES for schools in the affected Fire Ban District which have an extreme, very high or high risk rating.</b>
	<b>Take action now to protect your life and property</b> <b>Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous</b>	<b>Catholic Education SA to take advice of fire authorities for Adelaide Hills and other high-risk areas regarding potential for school closure.</b>
	<b>Be ready to act</b> <b>Fires can be dangerous</b>	<b>SCHOOL OPEN: normal bushfire plan procedures apply</b>
	<b>Plan and prepare</b> <b>Most fires can be controlled</b>	<b>SCHOOL OPEN: normal bushfire plan procedures apply</b>



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## Possible School Closure


1. On Catastrophic days there will be a temporary school closure and cancellation of school bus routes in high-risk areas. Due to the unique nature of the bushfire danger in the Adelaide Hills and on the advice of CFS, our school may be instructed to close on days of Extreme bushfire weather conditions.
2. Should the CFS recommend local school closure and/or the cancellation of school bus routes in our Fire Ban District, the Director of Catholic Education will authorise a temporary closure for our school.
3. If a school closure is authorised, we will normally be warned two days prior that such a possibility exists with the closure advice confirmed on the preceding day. We will immediately send a notice informing families and staff of the closure. In the event of a temporary school closure due to bushfire risk, families will need to make alternative arrangements for the care and supervision of their children. No care or supervision will be provided at the school.
4. While it is possible that short notice of a school closure will regrettably inconvenience families, we also hope that you will understand and support such a decision which will only be made in the interests of safety for our students, families and staff and where significant community safety concerns exist.
5. Naturally, we hope and pray that any school closure days in such circumstances would be incident free and that you, your loved ones, and property remain safe.

I remind you that bushfire information and safety advice is available via; ABC local radio (e.g. 891 AM) CFS Bushfire Information Hotline 1800 362 361 and the CFS website <http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au>

Additional information is available on our school website: [www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au](http://www.stcaths.catholic.edu.au)

Please do not hesitate to contact the school on 8238 8238 should any of the above need further clarification.

Yours Sincerely,



**Mark Simpson**  
**Acting Principal**