

Gumeracha Primary School and Out of School Hours Care is located in a high-risk bushfire area.

While we have a have an emergency and bushfire response plan for our site it is important that we are all prepared for a bushfire emergency.

Parent and family checklist

We all need to be ready for the fire danger season and to keep your children as safe as possible, please ensure you:

- read all of the bushfire information provided to you
- talk with your children about what will happen if a bushfire occurs when they are at school or preschool
- update your emergency contact details with us before the start of the fire danger season
- make a personal Bushfire Survival Plan for your family and let us know if this will affect your child's attendance
- download the AlertSA app if you use a smart phone.

'Catastrophic' fire danger days

'Catastrophic' fire danger days occur when conditions are the worst for a bush or grass fire.

If a fire starts and takes hold on a 'catastrophic' day it will be extremely difficult to control.

When a catastrophic fire danger rating is forecast for the following day by the Bureau of Meteorology, all 'high-risk' schools and preschools in the declared fire ban district will be closed.

Find out about site closures

DECD is working towards school closures appearing on the Alerts SA website and mobile app. By downloading the Alert SA app to your mobile device you will be able to obtain real-time information and warnings.



If a bushfire approaches us

The safety of children in our care is our highest priority if a bushfire approaches our site.

We have a designated bushfire refuge, which is the safest place for staff and students to be in this situation.

Evacuation is our last option unless advised otherwise by emergency services.

When we move to our bushfire refuge we:

- move everybody inside, close windows, doors, and turn off the air conditioning
- fill available containers with water
- turn on all sprinklers and irrigation systems if it is safe and time permits
- remain inside with the children until the main firefront passes
- listen to local radio or monitor the CFS or AlertSA website for bushfire updates and information
- liaise with DECD Security, Bushfire and Emergency Management team and the CFS to stay informed about changing conditions.

Further information

Department for Education and Child Development

Parent Bushfire Information Hotline

1800 000 279

The Parent Bushfire Information Hotline operates during business hours, with an out-of-hours messaging service at other times.

The hotline is the best source of current and up-to-date information on bushfire emergencies.

Bushfire and Emergency Management website

www.crisis.sa.edu.au

Country Fire Service

Bushfire Information Hotline

1300 362 361

Website www.cfs.sa.gov.au

Alert SA

www.alert.sa.gov.au

Gumeracha Primary School and Out of School Hours Care has a 'high risk' bushfire rating

This means:

- our site will be closed on days with a forecast 'catastrophic' fire danger rating
- vacation or out of school hours care will also be closed
- school buses and taxis will not operate within the fire ban district.
- families will need to make alternative arrangements for their children on these days.

We will contact families to inform of closures.

Our phone number is 8389 1863

If this number is engaged during an emergency, contact the DECD Parent Bushfire Information Hotline on 1800 000 279

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Information for Families



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