



# BLYTH PRIMARY SCHOOL

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## Blyth Primary School Bushfire Action Plan 2022.

The Bushfire Action Plan is reviewed annually each year to reflect any changes that may have taken place in the site before the bushfire season, and on advice from The Department for Education.

In the event of a Bushfire within the vicinity of Blyth Primary School, the Emergency Services will contact our site to notify that the action plan needs to be put into effect.

### Actions to be taken

The stone building (Administration and the Hall) is the nominated as the Bush Fire Shelter for this site.

Bush Fire Shelters provide short-term shelter from immediate effects of a bushfire impacting upon a school.

This differs from the Last Resort Refuge which is a space or building identified by each rural council.

A continuous ringing of the siren, and the principal will alert students and staff to move to the Bushfire Shelter space.

- The principal will advise the Education Director of the move to the Bush Fire Shelter space.
- Staff will assist Students to assemble as quickly as possible in this space.
- The class roll will be taken to identify that all students are present.
- Students will be assisted to remain calm and sitting with little movement. They will be able to read books and play games that don't require a lot of energy.
- Staff will bring Fire extinguishers from class areas if practical.
- Staff will close all doors and windows as they vacate their class if time permits.
- The principal will ensure all staff are accounted for in the Bush fire Shelter space.
- The principal will turn on sprinklers on the small oval if practical.
- Families will be notified through Skoolbag and telephone calls if the telephone provider network is accessible.
- When the Emergency Services have notified that the danger is clear, families will be contacted to collect their child.
- In the event of a Bushfire occurring Parents can telephone the Emergency Hotline phone: 1800 000 279
- Parents are required to see a staff member before taking their child/ren so that they can be marked off on the class roll as collected.
- Students will be supervised throughout the emergency and kits have been prepared in advance to provide students with water and food as required.

The Blyth Town Hall is the nominated the Last Resort Refuge for members of this rural community during a bushfire. Students, staff, and visitors present at Blyth Primary School when a bushfire threatens the site will move together to the Town Hall **only when advised to do so by Emergency Services and their assistance is available for safe passage.**

### On Catastrophic Fire Danger Days-

Blyth Primary School has a "Low Risk" (R3) Bushfire Rating, which means that our site remains open on days of forecast Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating. **(Unless advised by The Department for Education Security, Bushfire and Emergency Management & The Education Director for prior approval)**

- **School Buses will not operate** and be cancelled on a day of forecast Catastrophic Fire Danger even if the school is open.
- **This will mean that your child/ren will not be able to catch the bus to or from school on a catastrophic fire danger day. Parents will need to make their own arrangements for travel.**
- There may be a modified program for the day as staff under Work Health & Safety Conditions are to individually assess their travel through Catastrophic Fire Risk districts and enact their own Personal Bushfire Action Plans, meaning that they may not be working at our site for the day.

The pamphlet "Bushfires & your Child's School or Preschool also outlines other information.

Both the BPS Bushfire Action Plan and the pamphlet are sent home to families in both Term 1 & 4.

If you have any further questions about this plan please feel free to contact the principal or staff.