

**Bushfire/Catastrophic Fire Danger Day response**

Investigator College has considered its response in case of a bushfire emergency and the issue of closure in the case of a designated 'Catastrophic' fire danger day.

The College obviously does not want any student or member of the school community to be placed at any risk from a bushfire and as such, the College obtains up to date information on bushfires through the media and CFS website.

The College also seeks to comply with bushfire warnings from emergency management authorities.

**In Case of Bushfire Emergency**

Where the College is aware of a bushfire in a particular area, the College will cancel any excursions or trips into that area. In the case where an excursion has already departed from the College, a decision will be made in consultation with authorities [where possible] as to the safety of students and staff returning to the College.

When the school is aware that students may be at risk from an active bushfire if they travel home after school, the school will enable those students to remain at school until arrangements for their wellbeing are finalised. In these situations, the school buses will not travel into the bushfire areas and relevant students will stay at the school until other arrangements are made. In the event that students remain at school because of a bushfire, the School will endeavor to contact parents and the College phone will be staffed. In the event that communications to the College are not functioning, parents are encouraged to contact the Bushfire Information Hotline on 1300 362 361.

Parents are requested to provide the details of **an alternative accommodation provider** who can be contacted by the School in these situations. It is recommended that the alternative accommodation provider is in an area that is regarded by the CFS as a safer settlement or bushfire safer precinct that can be safely accessed from the school. Details of safer settlements or precincts are available at [www.cfs.sa.gov.au](http://www.cfs.sa.gov.au)

Particularly where family's homes are an area that may be at risk from a bushfire or children travel to and from school through an area that may be at risk from a bushfire, parents /caregivers are requested to provide details of alternative accommodation to which their child/ren can be directed.

Where parents/caregivers are of the view that their child/ren are not likely to be at risk, an indication of this is required on the return form.

Parents/Caregivers are required to inform the College of any changes that may impact on whether it is safe for their child/ren to travel home in the event of a bushfire.

**In the case of a designated 'Catastrophic' Fire Danger Day**

***Please note that where a day of a Catastrophic Fire Danger is announced, both Campuses of the College will be closed.***

The College will inform the College community of such closures with an **SMS message or phone call**. Where a late announcement is made following a student's departure for school, parents and caregivers are asked to make arrangement to collect their child/ren as soon as possible.

Should this not be possible, the College should be contacted immediately and the arrangements outlined in 'In Case of Bushfire Emergency' will apply.

**It is imperative, therefore, that contact details are maintained with the College to ensure we are able to contact parents/members of staff in the event of an emergency.**

**Teaching and Non-Teaching Staff are not required to attend the College on Catastrophic Fire Danger Days. Where members of staff live close to school and in safe locations, attendance would be appreciated to assist with any arrivals.**

**Members of the Leadership Team are required to attend the Campus closest to their place of residence to ensure communication of closure has been successful.**