



# Paracombe Primary & Preschool

## Bushfire Procedure

(Regulations 97 & 168)

Our first concern always is the safety of the children at Paracombe Primary and Preschool and Playgroup.

**The school, preschool and playgroup will be CLOSED on a day declared CATASTOPHIC**

The unique nature of bushfire danger in the Adelaide Hills, and on the advice of the Country Fire Services, Houghton preschool and playgroup at Houghton may be closed on days of Extreme bushfire weather conditions.

### **Three levels of Alerts on TOTAL FIRE BAN DAY:**

Preschool will be open; parents may prefer to keep children at home.

Any excursions planned will be cancelled

Monitor radio station 891 AM

### **Level 1 - Advice Warning: A fire has started**

1. This involves the whole area where children live, including the area which children travel through.
2. Houghton Preschool will cover Banksia Park, Tea Tree Gully, Millbrook, Houghton, Paracombe, Inglewood and Kersbrook.
3. Parents/caregivers should collect children promptly if they can do so in safety. It should be remembered that children will not be released to unauthorised adults.
4. Preschool will be closed on this day.
5. Staff will remain with any child who has not been collected until such time as they can be released into the care of an authorized adult.

### **Level 2 - Watch and Act: Fire approaching the building**

1. Should any children be at the Preschool at this point, staff will follow the Bushfire Response Plan.
2. **CFS** and **POLICE** will be informed that there are still people in the building.
3. Parents/caregivers will be advised by SMS text message not to approach the preschool until the immediate danger has passed, as the bush refuge their children are currently in is the safest place for them to be at that time.
4. Staff will prepare wet blankets and prepare to depart to the refuge building.

### **Level 3 - Emergency Warning: Fire imminent**

1. The preschool is in the path of the fire, those left in the building will be taken to the bushfire refuge, with roll book, mobile phone, holding rope for children to hold and cover with wet blanket and go to refuge building. Roof sprinklers turned on if able. A supply box is in the refuge building with water, food, and games for children until danger has passed.
2. Parents/caregivers should collect their child/ren when danger has passed, and they are not putting themselves or others at risk.

### **Emergency Numbers**

**Police, Fire Ambulance 000**

**CFS Hotline 1300 362 361**

**Adelaide Hills Council 8408 0400**

