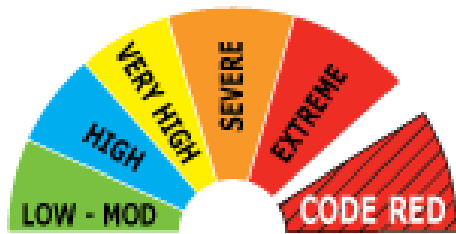


Code Red Fire Day Procedures



Huntly Primary School procedures for the bushfire season.

Determined by the Emergency Management Commissioner, a Code Red day is the highest level of Fire Danger Rating and signifies the worst conditions for grassfires and bushfires. Once a Code Red day has been determined this decision will not change, regardless of any changes in the weather forecast.

Schools on the BARR must close on a determined Code Red day in their weather district.

The Region wherever possible, will:

- provide schools with four to seven days' notice of a planned Code Red day closure
- confirm the final decision to close a school no later than 1.00pm the day before the planned Code Red day closure.

Ahead of the fire danger period, HPS will:

- advise the school community and site users that the school will be closed on any determined Code Red day
- complete the activities outlined in the School Site Bushfire/Grassfire Readiness Review Checklist.
- notify bus travellers and parents/carers that no school bus services will operate to or from the school closed on a determined Code Red day.

Before every Code Red day closure, HPS will:

- notify staff, parents/carers and other site users e.g. contractors, of 'potential' and confirmed closures
- check proposed camp and excursion venues located in forecast Code Red districts and update the [Student Activity Locator](#) with any cancellations or changes
- notify bus travellers, parents, bus operators and client schools of potential and confirmed cancellation of bus routes.

No staff will remain on site and all out-of-school care programs (including vacation, before and after school programs) will not operate.

All school closures are published on the Department's website along with changed bus routes and/or bus service cancellations.

HPS regardless of categorisation, may still apply to the Regional Director, on a case-by-case basis to have alternate arrangements for their school due to forecast elevated fire danger. On these instances the Principal will discuss the plans with their regional Manager Operations and Emergency Management.

Fire in the landscape

In the event of exposure to an immediate bushfire threat or other emergency, the school principal has the authority to enact the school's emergency management plan.