



Snow and Bushfire Policy

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In the event of snowfall or a bushfire during school hours the following procedures must be followed.

When heavy snowfalls occur or there is a bushfire throughout the Mountains, the emergency personnel (Police and SES) provide advice to the school in respect of road conditions, closures and evacuation notices.

Should a decision be made for the school to evacuate, the school will take the following measures, on Police and SES advice:

If it is safe to evacuate the students to their residence:

- Students who normally catch buses will be assembled ready for the buses.
- Students who live close to the school and normally walk will be given permission to do so unless otherwise advised by parents.
- The school will attempt to contact parents where children are unsure if anyone is home and if they live a long distance from a bus stop.
- Students who do not catch buses or walk will remain at school until parents collect them.

If it is unsafe to evacuate the students to their residence:

At all times, the children's best interests will be paramount.

The school staff will care for the students in a safe location according to the advice from the Police or SES.

It is impossible to telephone every family as the time frame for this operation is short. However, every avenue to contact parents will be sought. Communication will also be placed on Facebook and an alert sent via compass.

The school will remain open and therefore parents of bus travellers and walkers who require their child to stay at school can make that choice.

Parents are asked to discuss arrangements they require with their children so that students know what is expected of them.

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