



NARACOORTE SCHOOLS AND PRESCHOOLS BUS HUB

C/- NARACOORTE PRIMARY SCHOOL

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URGENT INFORMATION FOR FIRE BAN SEASON

HIGH TEMPERATURE – FIRE BAN – BUSHFIRE RISK – CATASTROPHIC BUSHFIRE RISK

NARACOORTE / FRANCES / LUCINDALE are in the LOWER SOUTH EAST FIRE BAN DISTRICT

When a day of **CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER** is declared the day before then:

1. Identified sites will be closed
2. **All buses will be cancelled in the fire ban area whether or not they are identified as extreme, very high or high risk schools.**
3. Information regarding site closures and therefore cancellation of buses will be broadcast on ABC radio 1161 just before 6am, 6.30am, 7am, and 7.30am.

The only identified site in our hub is:

Naracoorte High School

and will therefore be closed.

Although buses will not run other sites in our hub:

Balharry Kindergarten

Frances Primary School

Lucindale Area School

Naracoorte Primary School

Naracoorte South Primary School

Naracoorte North Kindergarten

Michelle de Garis Kindergarten

Sunrise Christian School

will remain open for those parents who choose to have their children attend school.

NOTE: The Padthaway bus originates in the UPPER SOUTH EAST FIRE BAN DISTRICT therefore if the Upper South East is declared an area of **CATASTROPHIC FIRE RISK** then the Padthaway bus will not run. The bus routes of all other bus runs fall within the Lower South East Fire Ban District.

When a day of CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER RATING is forecast on the morning of the day of the conditions affected sites will remain open and buses will operate as usual unless advised otherwise by the authorised Emergency Services personnel. OSHC services will be cancelled.

CANCELLATION OF AFTERNOON BUSES DUE TO ADVERSE CONDITIONS

In the event of fires threatening a bus OR bus routes – any affected buses WILL NOT be permitted to leave the school until it is declared safe by the CFS. Children will be kept at school and cared for by staff, volunteers and welfare services for as long as is necessary.

Parents / caregivers will be contacted as soon as practically possible.

Children will be released only to:

1. their parents
2. to other persons authorized by the parents:
 - in writing
 - documented phone call

ACTIVITIES DURING EXTREME TEMPERATURES (WHETHER OR NOT THERE IS A TOTAL FIRE BAN)

On days of extreme heat (above 36C) we will carry out a risk assessment to determine if any excursions that are planned outside of the school will proceed. If a fire ban day is declared in our district, staff and students must remain on site for the day.



Naracoorte North
Kindergarten

