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Standalone bushfire plan 2024-2025

Denmark Primary School

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Purpose

The *Standalone bushfire plan* document is a detailed plan of how your school is to prepare and respond to a catastrophic fire danger rating alert or to a bushfire event.

As principal, you must complete this template to have a plan in place to respond to a bushfire emergency. This plan is to be read in conjunction with information on Ikon to [prepare for bushfire season at your school](#).

All staff, students, contractors and visitors on the school or facility site are to follow this completed plan in the event of a bushfire emergency. All other emergencies are to be managed in accordance with the school's incident management plan, as per the [Incident management manual](#).

Complete and lodge your plan online by 31 August.

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1 School details

To complete this plan, on the front cover of the document:

- insert your school name
- add the year for the new bushfire season
- add the date in the footer to show when the plan became active.

Enter information into the **grey** sections of this document, following the prompts in the square brackets where featured. You can add extra rows to tables where necessary.

When your plan is complete, follow the steps on Ikon to [lodge, update or access your standalone bushfire plan online](#).

School name (include name of co-located school or facilities if applicable)	Dednmark Primary School
School address	21 mitchell Street, DENMARK, WA, 6333
Education Region	Southwest Education Region
Number of students	461
Number of students requiring extra support if evacuating	3
Number of staff	46
Number of school sides bordered by bush	2
Names of major roads bordering school	Mitchell Street, Offer Street, Brazier Street and Thornton Street
School's site-specific alert, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • siren/pause x 3 • continuous handbell • continuous siren or short whistle blasts 	Continuous Blast indicates evacuation 3 blasts indicates lockdown (protect in Place)

Plan prepared by (principal's name)	Luke Breman
Date prepared or reviewed	August 2024

2 Emergency response contact list

Enter the contact details into the following table:

Organisation	Details	Phone number / website
Local police (for example, name of nearest police station)	Denmark Police Station Mitchell Street, Denmark WA 6333	9848 0500
Local hospital (name of nearest hospital or medical emergency facility)	Denmark Hospital Scotsdale Road, Denmark WA 6333	9848 0600
Department of Fire and Emergency Services regional contact	Regional Duty Coordinator	1800 314 644 https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au
Local fire brigade (for example, name of nearest fire station)	Denmark Fire and Rescue (Town Site) Darin Hockley FCO Grant Wilson	9848 3228 0417 968 776 0487 119 195 https://www.denmark.wa.gov.au/residents/fire-and-burning-information.aspx#bushfire-brigade-districts
Local bushfire brigade (for example name of nearest station)	Ocean Beach Bush Fire Brigade Graham Dixon – FCO	 0412 920 069
Bus contractors (ready for pre- emptive closure or offsite evacuation)	Scotsdale Driver: John Ford Contractor: Brett & Debbie Edwards Southern Bus Charters Denmark North East/Youngs A Driver: Justin Contractor: Swan Transit Denmark South East/Youngs B Driver: Wayne Landsell Contractor: Susan McCabe Busy Blue Bus Denbarker Driver: Kevin Gibbs Contractor: Chris Turner Next Gen Bus Lines	0437 767 220 68 344 011 0498 018 942 0418 916 951 0488 175 432 0460 329 293 0478 031 545 9451 7885

	Denmark Hazelvale/Walpole Driver: Malcolm Smeathers Gary Hunter (Thurs & Fri) Contractor: Janine & Malcom Smeathers Denmark Carmarthen/Shadforth Driver: Justin Contractor: Swan Transit Ocean Beach 1 Driver: Jeff Collens Contractor: Dea and Jeff Collens Ocean Beach 2 Driver: Mark Lissiman Contractor: Next Gen Bus Lines Denmark William Bay/Stiener & Spirit of Play Driver: Rick Aama Contractor: Susan McCabe Kent River Driver Daniel Leake Contractor: Daniel and Linda Leake Tindale Driver: Lee Kurmunki Busy Blue Bus Zimmerman/OB Road Driver: Dave Mounster Coordinator: Helen Archer	0429 401 163 9840 1530 / 0428 401 530 9840 1163 0498 018 942 0427 984 828 0427 999 891 (Dea) 0429 053 731 9451 7885 0427 657 576 0488 175 432 0427 871 277 9840 1019 / 0429 784 924 0410 101 718 0428 276 031
Electricity provider - in the case of a power outage (for example, Horizon Power, Western Power)	Western Power (Emergencies and Outages)	13 13 51
State emergency service (if known)	SES – Zimmerman Street Denmark	9848 1899 Duty phone is 0429 926 715
Poisons information (where relevant)	WA Poisons Information Centre	131 126
Director of Education name	Dainon Couzic	9791 0316 0466 573 908

2.1 Important bushfire emergency contact sources

DIAL 000 in an emergency

- **Emergency WA**
 - Website: <https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/>
- **Department of Fire and Emergency Services**
 - Information line: 13 33 37
 - Website: <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/>
 - Facebook: <https://www.facebook.com/dfeswa>
 - Twitter: https://twitter.com/dfes_wa
- **ABC Emergency**
 - Website: <https://www.abc.net.au/emergency>
- **Local radio**
 - ABC local radio: Find your local radio station at <https://www.abc.net.au/local>
 - 6PR: Listen online at <https://www.6pr.com.au/listen-live/> or tune into AM 882 and Digital Radio

3 School Response Team

Enter the names and mobile numbers of the staff responsible for carrying out emergency procedures during a bushfire event. The principal coordinates the incident response to onsite or offsite locations (refer to Appendix B & C procedures).

Examples of suggested duties include:

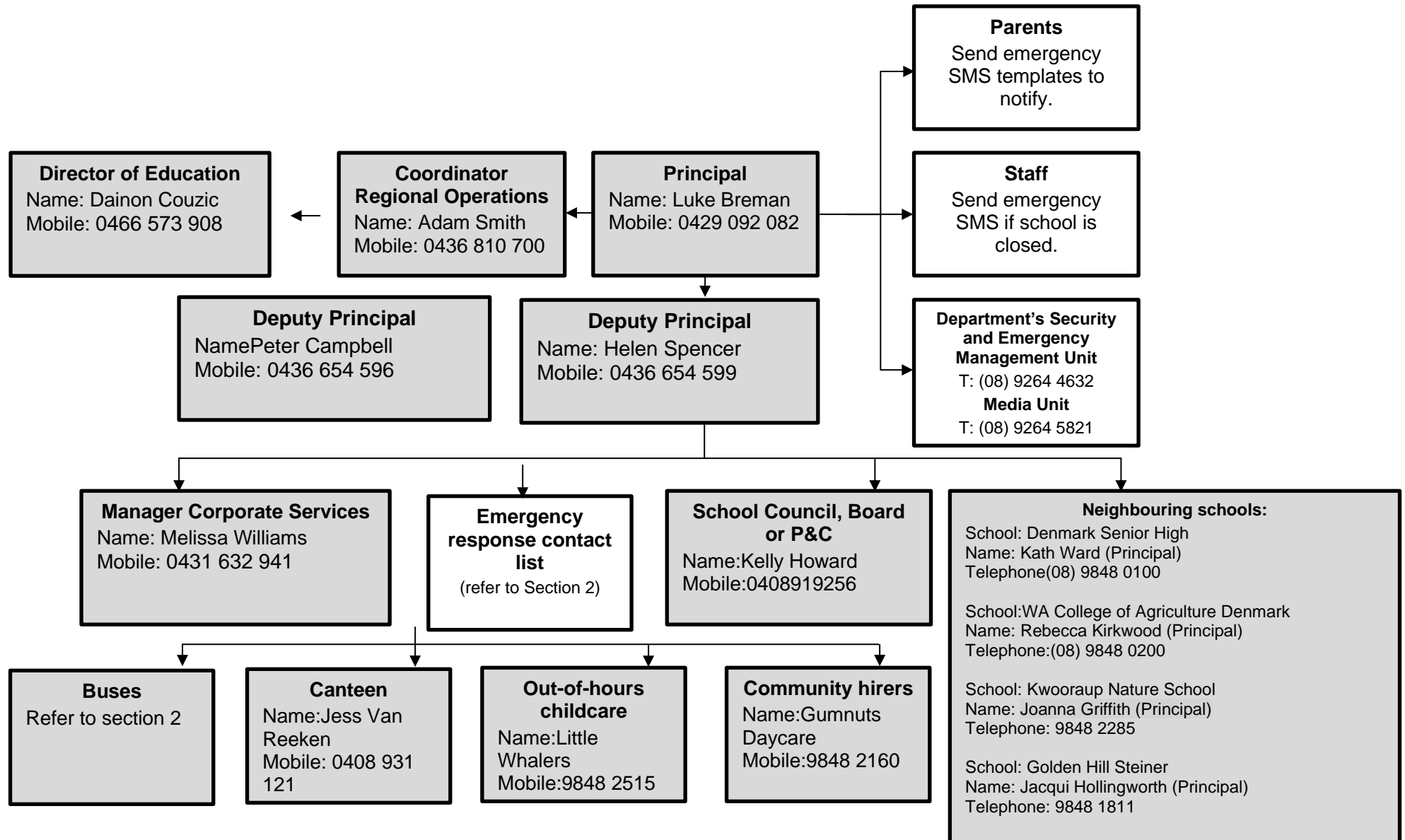
- fire warden duties
- checking all rooms
- keeping a copy of school registers for roll call
- monitoring the bushfires warnings stages (as per Appendix A)
- send out text alerts to parents
- liaising with emergency services, community members, parents and carers.

Consider making cards that outline the duties of the school response team. This can be useful to hand out at the start of the incident.

Position	Staff name	Duties	Mobile number
Principal	Luke Brehman	Site Manager	0429 092 082
Deputy Principal	Helen Spencer	Monitor Bushfire Warning Stages	0436 654 599
	Peter Campbell	Monitor Bushfire Warning Stages	0436 654 596
Manager Corporate Services	Melissa Williams	Site manager To contact visitors using Passtab on her phone	0431 632 941
Teachers	All Teachers on site	Check all classrooms Turn off air conditioners Close doors and windows Close roof vents if applicable	Switchboard exts 9848 4700
Accredited first aid officers	Peter Campbell	Apply first aid	0436 654 596
	Robyn McMeiken		0417 909 138
Other (if applicable)	Rachael Visser	Keep a copy of school register for roll call send 'alert' texts to parents.	0421 951 575
	Jody Bushell		0405 378 706
	Sandra Anderson	Close staff room roof vent	0419 921 083
	Maz Hearn		0419 048 226

4 Bushfire response telephone tree

Complete the information boxes with the contact details for the relevant stakeholders.



5 Emergency equipment

Identify the location and the type of emergency equipment at your site.

Equipment	Details (include location/s, date checked and any other comments)
Evacuation kit (section 7 of the school Incident Management Plan).	Located in Admin office, evacuation kit updated Feb 2024
First aid kit(s) - include masks in case some students are susceptible to smoke.	<p>First aid kits locations</p> <p>Administration office</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x Whole School first aid kit • 3 x Phase Group first aid kits • 1 x first aid unit, fixed to wall (1st medical sick bay) • 1 x Trauma Kit • Icepacks – staffroom <p>Early Childhood Area</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • 1 x first aid unit fixed to wall (Unit 4) • 5 x individual class first aid kits <p>Across the school</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all classrooms in junior and senior areas • all staff duty folders – band-aids and gloves
Emergency alert system and communication equipment, for example: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile telephones (charged) • hand-operated fire alarm (portable siren) • megaphone/loud hailer • portable CB radios • spare batteries. 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • mobile telephones (charged) • hand-operated fire alarm (portable siren) located with evacuation kit in reprographic room • spare batteries located in MCS office • megaphone/loud hailer
Registers for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • students • staff • visitors. 	<p>Front Office/Admin</p> <p>Evacuation Box in printing room</p> <p>Passtab on MCS and School Officer Phones</p>
Standalone bushfire plan: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • hard copy in the evacuation kit • copy saved to an online platform for access offsite. 	<p>Located in Admin office, evacuation kit updated 29/8/23</p> <p>Copy of student and staff information saved online 29/8/23</p>

6 Bushfire preparation checklist

Principals must:

- complete this bushfire preparation checklist annually
- inform all staff members of their responsibilities.

You can provide details of your preparation activities in the comments.

Management activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or N/A	Comments
The annual review of the Standalone bushfire plan has been completed before the start of bushfire season.	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	28/07/2024
Consulted and received advice in preparing your Standalone bushfire plan from any of the following(as relevant): <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • local Emergency Services • Department of Fire and Emergency Services • Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions – Parks and Wildlife Service • local volunteer fire brigade • WA Police Force • local emergency management committee (LEMC) or local government representative • community emergency services manager, if there is one for the area. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Requested feedback from Community Emergency Services Manager at the Denmark Shire
Staff have been made aware of the Standalone bushfire plan through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • staff meetings • staff bushfire induction session that includes: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> – an overview of the Standalone bushfire plan – how to turn off evaporative air conditioner units, the location of switches – how to close roof vents – the types of bushfire warnings issued by the Department of Fire and Emergency Services and the Emergency Alert telephone warning system – to direct bushfire media enquiries to the Department's media unit (08) 9264 5821. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Communicated in Weekly Staff Bulletins Term 3 2024
Students and parents or carers have been made aware of the Standalone bushfire plan through: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • key bushfire safety messages incorporated into the curriculum • newsletters • school information booklet (include actions and procedures) • school website. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	Key Bushfire safety messages are communicated through the Denmark Primary School Newsletter, Dojo and the 2024 K-6 Curriculum.

Principals must:

- complete this bushfire preparation checklist annually
- inform all staff members of their responsibilities.

You can provide details of your preparation activities in the comments.

Management activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or N/A	Comments
<p>Communication plans are in place:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Emergency response contact list completed (section 2). • Bushfire response telephone tree completed (section 4). • communication templates for sample emergency text message, newsletter content and school notice text are complete (refer to Appendix D). <p>Contact lists for staff and parents must be current.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Completed Term 3 2024</p> <p>Communication maintained through Message You website to Staff, Students and Guardians</p>
<p>Emergency equipment available and checked (section 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evacuation kit checked at least once per term • emergency warning or alert system works • emergency communications equipment available • first aid kit(s) available • registers for students, staff and visitors readily accessible for roll call. 	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Updated and completed</p> <p>Ongoing updates and checks</p>
<p>Practise drills moving to your onsite 'safer building location(s)':</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • before the start of the bushfire season • at least once per term during the bushfire season. <p>You must do at least 2 drills per year.</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Evacuation Term 1, 3 and 4 2024 Lock Down Term 2 2024</p> <p>Pam Wells Assembly Hall – Evacuation point 1.</p> <p>Bushfire Action Map</p> <p>1. Denmark Recreation Centre Phone: (08) 9848 0344 Karis Asplin</p> <p>2. Denmark Civic Centre Phone: (08) 9848 0300 Renee Wiggins / Charmaine Shelley - Request Key</p>
<p>The asset protection zone, which is a minimum distance of 20 metres surrounding the main school buildings, is checked and is:</p>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<p>Asset Protection Zone actioned in 2019 and currently ongoing in 2024/25</p>

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You can provide details of your preparation activities in the comments.

Management activities	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> or N/A	Comments
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • clear of all rubbish, long dry grass, bark, flammable and combustible materials, including leaf litter and unused piles of mulch • maintained routinely throughout the year. <p>For information on the asset protection zone, refer to Prepare for bushfire season at your school on Ikon.</p>		Fuel Management Load cleared Jan 2024

7 Bushfire action plan maps

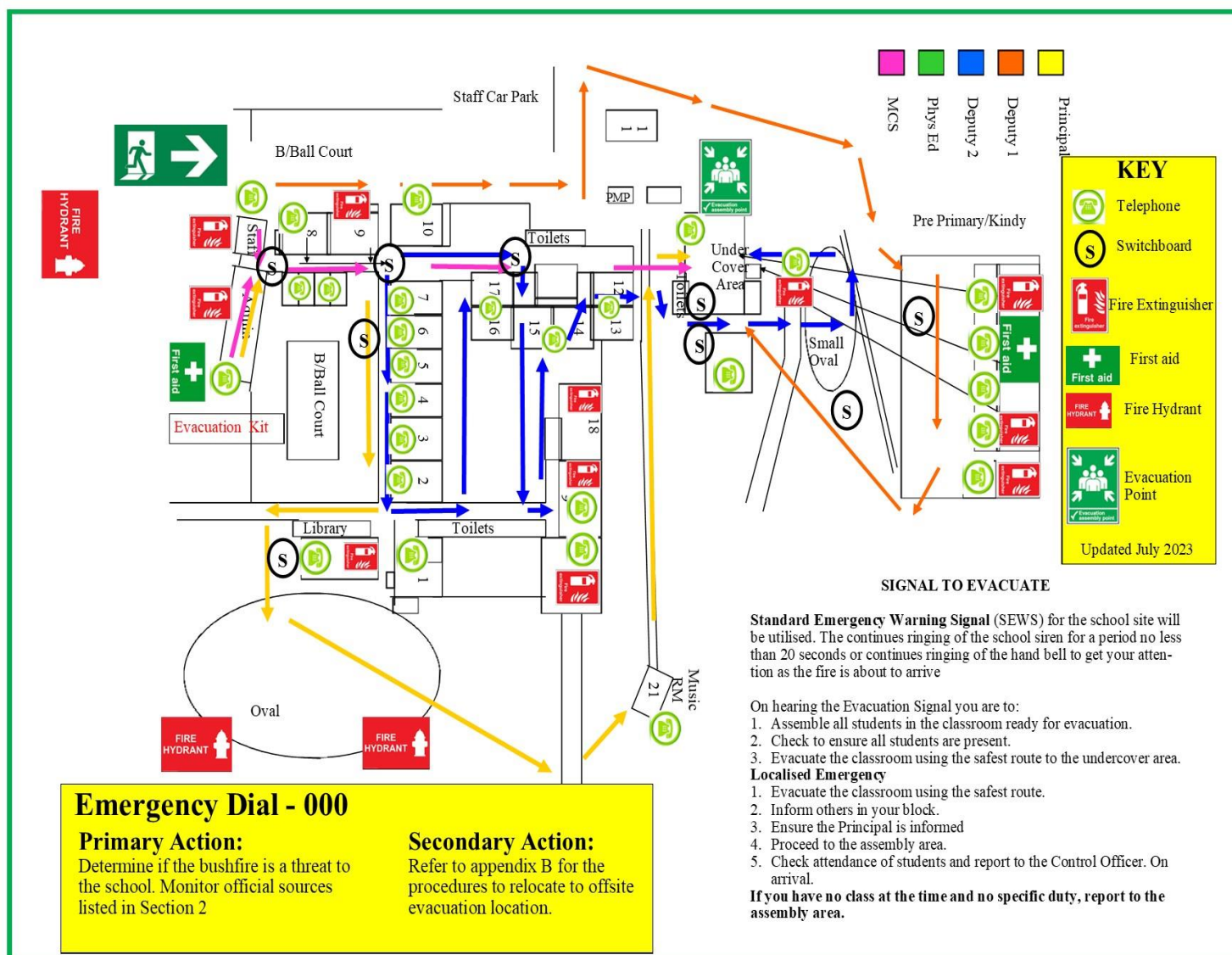
7.1 Onsite 'safer building location(s)'

Do not use an open area such as a school oval or non-enclosed building that may expose people to heat or other conditions.

Insert your school map and make sure it is marked with:

- the onsite 'safer building location(s)'. Include the name of the building, such as 'library'
- routes to access the location
- fire hydrants
- electrical switchboards
- phones and communication board
- first aid kits
- evacuation kits
- any other relevant details.

Information to help select your offsite evacuation location and a sample map is available on Ikon in [Prepare for bushfire season at your school](#).



7.2 Offsite evacuation locations

Insert the school site map and make sure it is marked with:




- an assembly area
- 2 offsite evacuation locations. These locations cannot be a park, reserve, oval or other open space that may expose people to heat or other conditions.
- suitable routes to access the 2 locations.

Information to help select your offsite evacuation location and a sample map is available on Ikon in [Prepare for bushfire season at your school](#).

	<p>Emergency, dial 000</p> <p>Primary action: Determine if the bushfire is a threat to the school. Monitor official sources listed in section 2.</p> <p>Secondary action: Refer to Appendix B for the procedures to Relocate to an offsite evacuation location</p>
	<p><u>PRIMARY ACTION</u> Denmark Recreation Centre Brazier Street DENMARK WA</p> <p><u>SECONDARY ACTION</u> Civic Centre Strictland Street DENMARK WA</p>
	<p>July 2024</p>

Appendix A - Bushfire warning stages

Emergency services communicate information in a number of ways during a bushfire event. Use these warnings to understand when your need to activate your bushfire procedures (refer to Appendix B).

Bushfire warning stages	
<p>ADVICE</p> 	<p>A fire has started, be aware and keep up to date.</p> <p>This is general information to keep principals informed and up to date with developments.</p> <p>Principals must:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • turn off evaporative air conditioners and ensure roof vents are closed. • check and patrol the school regularly for bushfire activity, paying particular attention to the evaporative air conditioners.
<p>WATCH AND ACT</p> 	<p>There is a possible threat to lives and property. Conditions are changing.</p> <p>Principals must prepare to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evacuate; or • move students, staff and visitors to their pre-determined onsite 'safer building location'. They must not be moved to an open area. <p>Evacuation orders are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • issued by the Incident Controller or Emergency Services if required. • relayed via official sources such as Emergency WA. <p>It is vital that the principal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accesses bushfire information from official sources • makes an informed decision to stay onsite or evacuate offsite based on advice from the Incident Controller or Emergency Services.
<p>EMERGENCY</p> 	<p>A school is in danger as its area will be impacted by fire. Take immediate action to survive.</p> <p>The principal will be advised whether staff, students and visitors can leave the area or if they must shelter where they are as the fire burns through the area.</p> <p>A siren, called the State Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS), may accompany an emergency warning.</p> <p>Evacuation orders are:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • directed by the Incident Controller or Emergency Services. • relayed via official sources, such as Emergency WA. <p>It is vital that the principal:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • accesses bushfire information from official sources • makes an informed decision to stay onsite or evacuate offsite based on the advice.

Appendix B - Procedures in the event of a sudden bushfire

Relocate to onsite 'safer building location'

You may be instructed to relocate to your onsite 'safer building location(s)'. Do not use an open area such as a school oval or non-enclosed building.

Initiate this procedure if either of the following occurs:

- a 'Watch and Act' or 'Emergency Warning' alert is issued on the [Emergency WA](#) website (refer to Appendix A for details about the alerts)
- instruction from the Department of Fire and Emergency Services, Emergency Services or your Director of Education.

Follow these procedures to relocate to the onsite safer building location(s).

Action	Notes (if required)
<p>Dial 000 for emergency services and request fire brigade.</p> <p>When connected to Department of Fire and Emergency Services, advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your school name and address • the fire situation • how many students and staff are being impacted • if moving to a 'safer building location' and where it is located • if anyone requires medical attention • CB radio channel, if being used. <p>Remain in contact with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services.</p> <p>Monitor official bushfire emergency information contact sources in section 2.1.</p>	
<p>Activate your school response team to carry out their responsibilities (section 3).</p>	
<p>Use your emergency response contact list to contact stakeholders (section 2).</p>	
<p>Follow your bushfire response telephone call tree (section 4) to communicate with the school community.</p> <p>Ensure parents receive emergency text message alerts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform them of relocation • keep them updated (use the emergency text message alert templates, refer to Manage bushfire incident communications on Ikon). <p>Parents must not collect students until instructed.</p>	

<p>Confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaporative air conditioners are turned off • all building roof vents, windows and doors are closed before anyone enters the onsite safer building location(s). • where possible and safe to do so, relocate vehicles or other combustible items (school bags, rubbish bins etc) at least 20 metres from safer building locations. • monitor embers for possible ignition. 	
<p>Take emergency equipment (section 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registers for students, staff and visitors • evacuation kit • water • mobile phones (charged) • student medication 	
<p>Sound the school emergency warning or alert system.</p>	
<p>Follow advice from the incident controller, emergency services, the Manager Security and Emergency Management or the director of education to move to the onsite safer building location(s) (section 7.1)</p> <p>Students and staff must remain in classrooms unless they are directed to move to an onsite safer building location.</p>	
<p>Check student, staff and visitor registers after moving to an onsite safer building location (roll call). Advise the police if anyone is missing.</p> <p>You must give special consideration to students with known respiratory conditions.</p>	
<p>Wait for emergency services to arrive or the incident controller to provide you with information.</p> <p>Ongoing advice will also be provided by the Manager, Security and Emergency Management or the director of education.</p> <p>Continue to monitor official bushfire information sources listed in section 2.1.</p>	
<p>The Department will consult the incident controller or emergency services and notify you when it is safe to return to classrooms or for students to be collected by parents. You will receive advice from the director of education.</p>	

Offsite evacuation procedures

You may be instructed to relocate to your offsite evacuation location.

Initiate your offsite evacuation procedure if a 'watch and act' or 'emergency warning' bushfire warning alert on the [Emergency WA](#) website is invoked (refer to the bushfire warnings listed in Appendix A) and you receive direction from either:

- Department of Fire and Emergency Services, incident controller or emergency services or
- the director of education.

Follow these procedures if you need to evacuate to an offsite evacuation location during a bushfire event.

Action	Notes (if required)
<p>Dial 000 for emergency services and request fire brigade.</p> <p>When connected to Department of Fire and Emergency Services, advise:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • your school name and address • the fire situation • how many students and staff are being impacted • if moving to a 'safer building location' and where it is located • if anyone requires medical attention • CB radio channel, if being used. <p>Remain in contact with Department of Fire and Emergency Services and your director of education.</p> <p>Monitor official bushfire emergency information contact sources listed in section 2.1.</p>	
Activate your School response team to carry out their responsibilities (section 3).	
Refer to the Emergency response contact list to contact stakeholders (section 2).	
Follow advice from the emergency services or the Manager, Security and Emergency Management or the director of education to decide which of the school's offsite evacuation location(s) is the safest to use (section 7.2).	
<p>If safe to do so, muster at the identified assembly area where staff, students and visitors can gather to prepare for offsite evacuation.</p> <p>Use an alternative assembly area if your first identified assembly area is unsafe.</p> <p>Note: Students and staff must remain in classrooms unless they are directed to move to an onsite safer building location and/or onsite assembly area.</p>	

<p>Follow the Bushfire response telephone call tree to communicate with the school community (section 4).</p> <p>Ensure parents and carers receive emergency SMS alerts to:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • inform them of relocation • keep them updated (use the emergency text message alert templates, refer to Manage bushfire incident communications on Ikon). <p>Note: Parents must not collect students until instructed.</p>	
<p>Confirm:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • evaporative air conditioners are turned off • building roof vents and doors are closed. 	
<p>Take emergency equipment (section 5):</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • registers for students, staff and visitors • evacuation kit • mobile phones (charged). • student medication. <p>Sound the school emergency warning or alert system.</p>	
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Notify bus operators • Notify other contractors scheduled to visit the site • Move all students, staff and visitors from the assembly area to the offsite evacuation location. 	
<p>Check registers after evacuating staff, students and visitors (roll call). Advise the police if anyone is missing.</p>	
<p>The Manager, Security and Emergency Management or the director of education will provide ongoing advice.</p> <p>Continue to monitor official bushfire information sources listed in section 2.1.</p>	
<p>The Department will consult the incident controller or emergency services and notify you when it is safe to return to classrooms or for students to be collected by parents.</p> <p>You will receive advice from the director of education.</p>	

Appendix C - Pre-emptive (planned) closure procedures

You may be instructed to pre-emptively close your school due to a fire behaviour index of 75 (extreme fire danger) or greater being forecast.

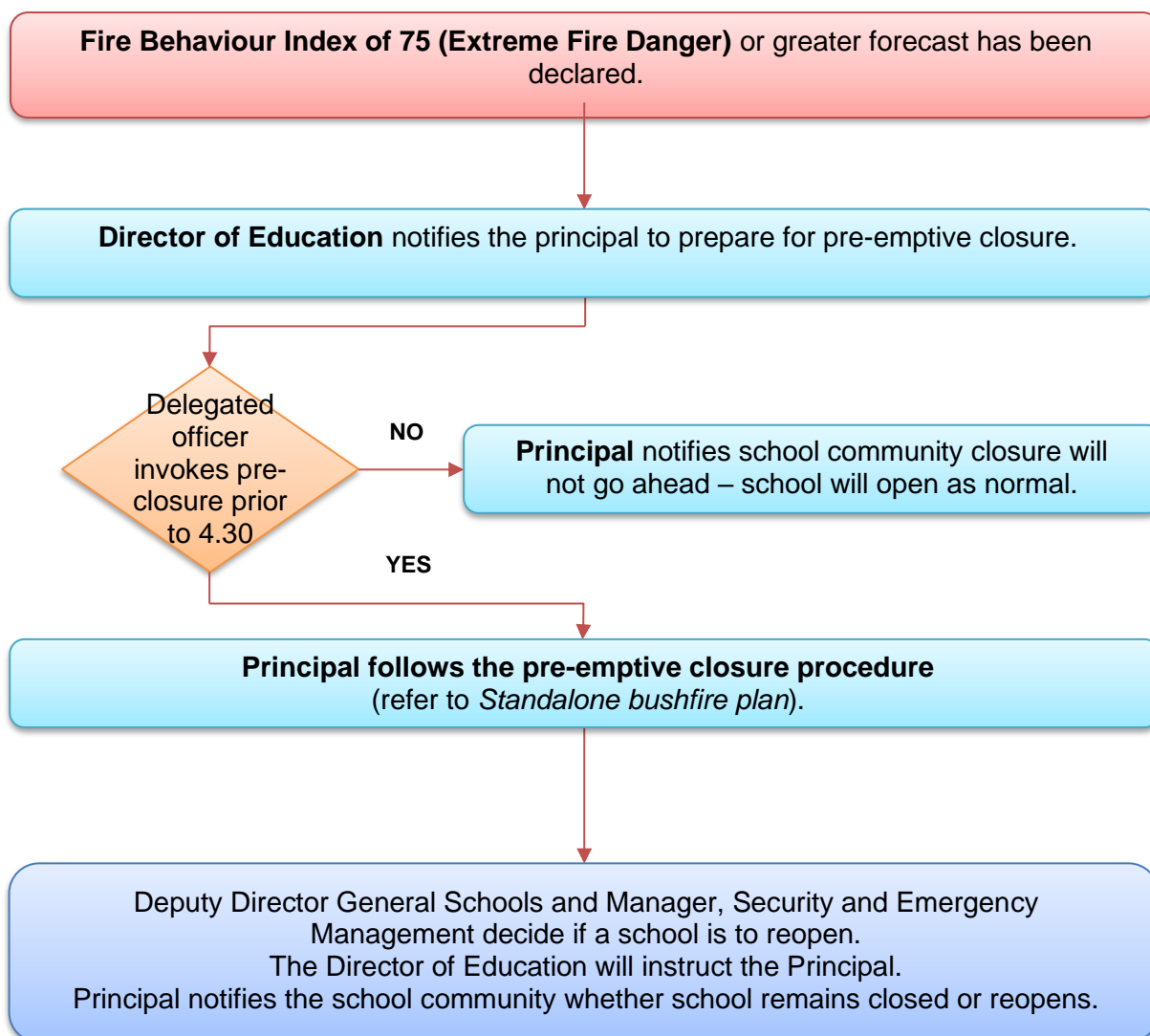
Initiate the closure procedure if you receive advice from the director of education or the Security and Emergency Management unit.

Follow these procedures for a planned school closure.

Action	Notes (if required)
Monitor official bushfire emergency information contact sources listed in section 2.1.	
Activate your School response team to carry out their responsibilities (section 3).	
Communicate the pre-emptive closure, continued closure or school reopening: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • use your Emergency response contact list to contact stakeholders (section 2) • use your Bushfire response telephone tree (section 4) • use communication templates in Manage bushfire incident communications for SMS, social media posts and Connect notices to keep the school community informed • place the notice of temporary closure on external school access points and on the school website. Note: Contact lists for staff, parents and carers must be current.	
Confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • windows and doors are closed • evaporative air conditioners are turned off • roof vents closed • money is removed from the school premises • expensive items of equipment secured. 	
Secure school premises and activate security system. Before departing, email AssetPlanningServices.SecurityEM@education.wa.edu.au or call 9264 4632 to confirm: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • all security systems armed • site is secure. 	
When the pre-emptive closure is cancelled, remove the notice of temporary closure from external school access points.	

Refer to the following Flow chart – Principal's response to fire behaviour index of 75 (extreme fire danger) or greater forecast.

Flow chart – Principal’s response to Fire Behaviour Index of 75 (Extreme Fire Danger Rating) or greater



Appendix D – After-hours or school holiday procedures

You may be instructed to keep your school closed during the school holidays or after hours during a bushfire event.

Initiate the below procedure if both of the following occur:

- A 'Watch and act' or 'Emergency warning' bushfire warning alert on the [Emergency WA](#) website is invoked (refer to the bushfire warnings listed in Appendix A)
AND
- Direction received from the Deputy Director General, Schools or the Manager, Security and Emergency Management. The director of education will relay the decision to you.

Follow these procedures if a bushfire starts during the school holidays or after hours.

Action	Notes (if required)
Remain in contact with your director of education and monitor official bushfire emergency information contact sources listed in section 2.1.	
Use your emergency response contact list to contact stakeholders (refer to section 2).	
Follow the bushfire response telephone call tree to communicate with the school community. Send parents and carers and staff emergency text message alerts to inform them of the school closure. To access sample SMS text, refer to Manage bushfire incident communications .	
Work with the director of education to seek alternative school and transport arrangements (if required).	
The Department's Media Unit and Incident Support Unit uses media outlets and Emergency WA to make public announcements of: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • the school closure • temporary alternative accommodation. 	
The Department will consult the incident controller or emergency services and notify you when it is safe for the school to reopen. You will receive advice from the director of education or the Manager, Security and Emergency Management.	
Send parents, carers and staff emergency text message alerts to inform them when school can reopen.	