



# STAND-ALONE BUSHFIRE PLAN FOR 2019-2020

Kelmscott SHS – Hillside Farm



#### KELMSCOTT SENIOR HIGH SCHOOL HILLSIDE FARM

#### STAND-ALONE BUSHFIRE PLAN

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#### INTRODUCTION

This Stand-alone Bushfire Plan is for **Kelmscott Senior High School's Hillside Farm facility** and has been developed to assist Principals and their staff prepare for a total fire ban, catastrophic fire danger rating, or a bushfire event. Sample messages to staff and parents are included in the *Principal's Guide to Bushfire*, as well as notices for the closure of the school.

The preparation of this Stand-alone Bushfire Plan should be developed in accordance with the *Emergency* and *Critical Incident Management Policy* and the *Principal's Guide to Bushfire* with input from local emergency management agencies.

Kelmscott SHS Hillside Farm is an annexe facility which hosts up to 64 students per week, with no more than 16 students per day. The site also has a SSENBE facility which is attended by occasional staff and student visitors. School visits/excursions from the Kelmscott home site and other schools can occur at different points throughout the year.

There are 9 staff employed by Kelmscott SHS who attend Hillside Farm each week, with their FTE and onsite days varying.

The site is bordered by bush/farm areas, it has a small amount of street frontage on Hayward Road, its neared major road is Tonkin Highway, via Gosnells Road East.

#### Overview

#### **General Information**

The Stand-alone Bushfire Plan is developed before 31 August each year after consultation/communication with:

- families of students attending the school;
- members of the emergency services (for example, local fire brigades, Regional office of Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES);
- Local Government Local Emergency Management Committee and Local Government representatives;
   and
- other school sites.

This Stand-alone Bushfire Plan includes a checklist of required actions to prepare the school before the bushfire season as per the *Principal's Guide to Bushfire* (refer Appendix A).

This Stand-alone Bushfire Plan also outlines activities to be undertaken by staff and students at the different levels of a bushfire emergency including:

- on days of Total Fire Ban;
- days deemed Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating:
- when there is a fire in the local district:
- when a bushfire has the potential to, or is actually threatening the school; and
- during the period immediately after a bushfire has impacted on the school (known as the 'Recovery Phase').

In the event of an evacuation/emergency at the Hillside Farm site, a building nominated as the **Safer Location** for this school.

- This Safer Location is the Kelmscott SHS site
- It has been prepared for a bushfire emergency and will safely accommodate all persons normally at the Hillside Farm site.

Schools located in bushfire prone areas need to incorporate key bushfire messages in their curriculum. Research shows that if students develop and undertake drills as part of the emergency planning, the message is more meaningful and transfers to the home environment. Information about emergency planning and Hillside Farm is shared with students and families upon enrolment and induction. This can serve to increase families' level of awareness and preparedness in regard to bushfire survival plans or household preparedness assessments.

Communication Plans (including emergency contacts and a Telephone Call Tree) are in place for evacuation or planned closure.

#### Distribution

The Principal must prepare and update the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan in readiness for the bushfire season and then upload through the Department's SharePoint system. Schools will receive a notification when this needs to occur.

The Principal or delegated officer will:

- review (and update where appropriate) the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan on an annual basis;
- publish an up-to-date copy of the school's Stand-alone Bushfire Plan on the school's website no later than 31 August of each year;
- ensure that all new staff members, relieving staff and visitors are briefed about the requirements of the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan during their site induction process;
- include bushfire season reminders and information in newsletters;
- update the School's Information Booklet in Term 1 each year, including detailed information about actions and procedures included in the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan; and
- provide all staff members with pre-bushfire season updates during Term 3 and ongoing information and instruction about the contents and requirements of the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan during Term 4 and Term 1 staff meetings.

The safety and wellbeing of students, staff and visitors is at all times the Department's main priority. Staff are not expected to fight bushfires.

The school will review (and update where appropriate) the BP on an annual basis.

Any bushfire advice received by the school from Department of Fire and Emergency Services (DFES), including local DFES regional office, Local fire brigades and Community Emergency Services Manager, Local Government, Local Government Local Emergency Management Committee, or external experts, is documented in the table below, identifying the date and source of the advice.

Date of Review	Reviewing Officer	Date Submitted	Next scheduled Review
30/7/19	Lauren Findlay, Deputy Principal		30/6/2020

#### COMMUNICATION

There are several levels of communication requirements at school level before, during and after bushfire events.

#### **Preparing for Bushfire Season**

- The Principal must ensure all **Hillside Farm** students, staff (including relief), and parents are aware of the school's BP. A copy of the **Hillside Farm's** Stand-alone Bushfire Plan will be published on the school's new website.
- The Principal should establish contact with different members of the local community, including emergency services, DFES, local volunteer fire brigades, Western Australia Police Force, Local Government Local Emergency Management Committee and Community Emergency Services Manager.
- Inline with the DFES Hillside Bushfire Risk Assessment conducted on site by Trevor Dunstan, feedback on the site condition and recommendations to our plan are expected in September 2019
- A Communication Plan (including emergency contacts and a Telephone Call Tree) is in place for
  evacuation or planned closure. Hillside Farm has an effective working emergency warning or alert
  system and emergency communication equipment is available and working.
- **Hillside Farm** has systems to account for students, staff and visitors in an emergency, such as participant rolls (or equivalent) and visitor registers. (including the sign-on of SSENBE staff)
- The Hillside Farm safe location has been identified as the Kelmscott SHS site.

#### **Pre-emptive Closure**

- The Department's Incident Controller (normally the Deputy Director General, Public Schools or delegated officer) will make the decision to close a school based on advice from emergency services and this will be relayed to the Principal via the Regional Executive Director.
- The Principal is to notify staff and parents of closure using emergency contacts and the Telephone Call Tree.
- All other necessary parties are advised, including, but not limited to other schools and agencies, community users of the school, on site contractors and school council.
- Hillside Farm school buses will be organised for the evacuation of students to a designated area.
- Notice of Planned Temporary School Closure should be posted as per the *Principal's Guide to Bushfire*, both physically at the school and electronically on the website.

#### **During Evacuation**

- The school will contact the Regional Executive Director (Sue Cuneo or CRO Will Davis) and the Department's Media Unit.
- The school will contact parents via phone or email, ensuring they have a mobile phone contact number for the school. It would be preferable that parents restrict calling the school at this time to emergency calls only.
- The school will notify bus contractors and other users of the school site.

NOTE: DFES uses the national Emergency Alert system to send community warning messages via mobile telephones in affected areas. It is important not to rely on receiving an alert. The school must still be prepared and have an action plan in case of an emergency.

It is important to remember that the Emergency Alert is just one way of receiving information during an emergency. Other ways the school can stay informed include:

- visiting the Emergency WA website www.emergency.wa.gov.au
- calling the DFES information line on 13 DFES (133337).
- listening to ABC radio, 6PR and other media news bulletins.
- following DFES on Twitter at www.twitter.com/dfes wa

For more information on Emergency Alert, visit: www.emergencyalert.gov.au

The Principal communicates directly with Regional and Central Office personnel including any media communications. Staff should not comment directly to the media.

#### **Reopening the School**

- The Regional Executive Director is to advise the Principal when the school can re-open.
- Parents need to know when the school is re-opened. In the event of a pre-emptive closure details are contained in the sample messages (*Principal's Guide to Bushfire* advising of pre-emptive Closure – Appendix B7).
- The Notice of Planned Temporary School Closure should be physically removed from the school premises and website.
- All parties that were advised of closure (e.g. other schools and agencies, community users of the school, on site contractors and school council) should be advised of reopening.

#### TYPES OF FIRE EVENT

In the event of a Total Fire Ban, catastrophic weather warning or a bushfire, the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan will be activated.

#### 1. Total Fire Ban

In the event of a Total Fire Ban, the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan will be invoked (refer to *Principal's Guide to Bushfire* for all procedures). This means:

- no fires must be lit or used in the open air;
- all open fires for the purpose of cooking or camping are not allowed; and
- 'hot work' such as metal work, grinding, welding, soldering, gas cutting or similar is not allowed.

DFES advise that chainsaws, plant or grass trimmers or lawn mowers can be used during a Total Fire Ban in suburban or built up areas which are cleared of flammable material, but not in bushland or other areas where their use may cause a fire.

It is also necessary to ensure:

- the equipment or machinery is mechanically sound; and
- all reasonable precautions are taken to prevent a bushfire starting.

It is recommended postponing the activity altogether to minimise the risk of fire

Unless a Harvest and Vehicle Movement Ban has been implemented by the Local Government Authority, the school/college is able to harvest or move vehicles across paddocks for agricultural purposes. However, there may be local government authority requirements such as compliant fire-fighting equipment on hand and a required amount of water readily available for fire-fighting purposes.

Individuals could be fined up to \$25 000 or jailed for 12 months (or both) if the Total Fire Ban is ignored.

For information on activities that can or cannot be carried out during a Total Fire Ban visit <a href="https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#totalfirebans.">https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#totalfirebans.</a>

https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/BushfireFactsheets/DFES\_BushfireFactsheet-Total Fire Bans.pdf.

If the information required is not available from the website, telephone the Total Fire Ban Information Line 1800 709 355.

This information is also available by visiting <a href="www.dfes.wa.gov.au">www.dfes.wa.gov.au</a> and;<a href="mailto:Emergency WA website: www.emergency.wa.gov.au">www.emergency.wa.gov.au</a>.

#### 2. Catastrophic Fire Danger

The Catastrophic Fire Danger Index (FDR) has been added to the Australia-wide FDR system since the 2009 bushfires in Victoria. If a fire starts in catastrophic conditions, its impact potential includes death or injury to people and destruction of buildings.

Schools need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is for the area, and monitor local conditions and keep informed. Understanding the Fire Danger Rating categories and what they mean will help in making decisions about what to do if a bushfire starts.

The Fire Danger Rating is based on the forecast weather conditions and provides advice about the level of bushfire threat on a particular day.

Category	Fire Danger Index (FDR)	Action
	100+	Schools on Bushfire Zone Register closed on instruction from Deputy Director General, Public Schools, through
Catastrophic		Regional Executive Director. School to invoke Communication Plan and cancel bus services. Appendix B
		(refer to the <i>Principal's Guide to Bushfire</i> for all procedures and sample messages).
	75-99	Monitor Emergency WA & DFES websites
Extreme		Normal school operations (any fire that starts is likely to be so fierce that even a well prepared and well-constructed school may not survive a fire).
	50-74	Monitor Emergency WA & DFES website
Severe		Normal school operations (The threat of a bushfire increases)
	32-49	Monitor Emergency WA & DFES website
Very High	32-49	Normal school operations (The threat of a bushfire increases)
	12-31	Normal school operations
High		(The threat of a bushfire increases)
Low/Moderate	0-11	Normal school operations

Guidance notes:

At each rating the fire behaviour and potential impact will be different.

Check the FDR for the area by visiting the following links:

https://www.emergency.wa.gov.au/#firedangerratings

Further information can be obtained at:

https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation/fire/bushfire/pages/firedangerratings.aspx

#### 2.1 Planned Pre-emptive Closure

Regional Executive Directors will contact principals of affected schools directly when a planned (preemptive) closure is to be invoked in a particular part of the State. The lead time for a planned closure varies depending on weather patterns, but every attempt is made to give principals as much notice as possible to prepare written documentation for parents. Schools should have Telephone Call Tree in place to provide this information at short notice or after hours.

Once advised of a pre-emptive closure, the school must inform the community that a closure is imminent. The Principal needs to send messages to parents and inform staff members when the closure is planned to occur and that the school is on standby. It may be that between declaration of the closure and the day of

closure, weather conditions improve sufficiently to remove the need to close and the school can therefore stand down its Pre-emptive Closure Plans.

The Regional Executive Director will confirm with the Principal the final decision to close the school no later than **4:30 pm** the day before the planned closure. If weather conditions become less severe after **4:30 pm**, the closure goes ahead regardless in order to provide a level of certainty to parents.

DFES is the final authority on advice about which schools are in danger and the level of risk at the time. The Deputy Director General, Public Schools makes the final decision as to whether or not a planned closure of public schools is to proceed based on DFES's advice.

#### 2.2 During a Planned Closure

In order to make informed decisions, the Principal must stay informed of the current fire danger rating and any fire activity by monitoring a range of information sources

Schools can stay informed by monitoring the following official sources:

- visiting the Emergency WA website www.emergency.wa.gov.au
- calling the DFES information line on 13 DFES (133337).
- listening to ABC radio, 6PR and other media news bulletins
- following DFES on Twitter at www.twitter.com/dfes\_wa

#### 2.3 Re-opening School

Parents need to know when the Catastrophic FDR has been downgraded and that it is therefore safe for their children to return to school after a planned closure. The sample messages to parents contains advice on how parents can monitor the situation. The school will need to put communication plans in place, such as placing a notice on the school website and providing a phone number for parents to call for information about the reopening of the school. Consideration needs to be given to how parents who do not have internet access or who have diverse needs (for example, multicultural, special needs) will be provided with information.

#### 3. Bushfire

In the event of a bushfire threatening the school, the school will call 000. The Stand-alone Bushfire Plan will be invoked by way of the school siren (or hand-held siren).

#### 3.1. Bushfire - Warnings

During a bushfire, emergency services provide as much information as possible through a number of different channels.

If the school is likely to be threatened by the fire, activate the *Emergency and Critical Incident Management Plan* immediately.

Before a bushfire starts, Fire Danger Ratings can provide advice about the level of bushfire threat on a particular day and how difficult and dangerous conditions will be if a fire starts. They are based on weather conditions forecast by the Bureau of Meteorology.

During a bushfire, DFES and the Parks and Wildlife (P and W) Service of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions issue community alerts and warnings for bushfires that threaten lives and property. They are only issued once firefighters have arrived at the scene and determined that there is a threat or potential threat to the community.

The alert level changes to reflect the increasing risk to life.

DFES and Parks and Wildlife (P and W) Service of the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions will issue the following four bushfire warnings.

#### 3.1.1



means a fire has started but there is no known danger. This is general information to keep you informed and up to date with developments.

Turn off evaporative air conditioners and ensure roof vents are closed. Undertake regular checks and patrols of the school for bushfire activity, paying special attention to the evaporative air conditioners.

#### 3.1.2



means there is a possible threat to lives and property. Conditions are changing, you need to leave the area or prepare to move students, staff and visitors to their pre-determined Safer Building Location and not an open area on the site or evacuate.

If an order to evacuate is directed by the Incident Controller, the evacuation order will be relayed via a variety of official sources such as the DFES website and Emergency WA website. It is paramount that schools gather information pertaining to fires from official sources in order to make an informed decision on whether to stay on-site or evacuate off-site.

#### 3.1.3

means you are in danger as your area will be impacted by fire. You need to take immediate action to survive.

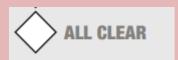


means you will be advised whether you can leave the area or if you must shelter where you are as the fire burns through your area. An emergency warning may be supported with a siren sound called the Standard Emergency Warning Signal (SEWS). These factors should be reviewed on a regular basis as they may change at any time and without notice.

If an order to evacuate is directed by the Incident Controller, the evacuation order will be relayed via a variety of communications methods including the Bushfire Warning system.

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#### 3.1.4



means the danger has passed and the fire is under control, but you need to remain vigilant in case the situation changes. It may still not be safe to return to school.

Further information in relation to Bushfire Warning System is available on the DFES Website and a video is available at: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=a\_H0D-38AGQ&feature=youtu.be

#### 3.2. Bushfire - Act

#### 3.2.1 Response when a bushfire starts and the school is open

#### 3.2.1.1 Evacuation Procedure

School to evacuate off-site on advice from DFES

- All classes remain with their teachers and support staff.
- All other staff and visitors report to the administration building.
- Teachers account for each child and identify students and support staff with known respiratory conditions.
- Doors, roof vents and windows must be closed and evaporative air coolers turned off.
- Students and staff are to remain in classrooms unless directed otherwise by the fire warden.
- Fire wardens are designated to manage evacuation routes and liaise with staff.
- The Principal and fire wardens will control the response and must liaise with DFES or emergency services as soon as possible.
- Students and adults with known respiratory conditions will be identified and given special consideration.

Staging Area – identify and utilise an area where occupants and visitors are intended to gather in preparation for an evacuation.

#### **Parent Access**

Schools must have clear communication methods with parents. Parents must be advised **NOT** to pick up students and to monitor official communication channels for specific access information. Appendix D and Appendix E Communication Plan and Emergency Response Contact List must be completed with local content to ensure the school's individual communication requirements are detailed and used.

#### 3.2.1.2 Safer Building Location Procedure – if evacuation is not possible

- All classes remain with their teachers and support staff until otherwise advised by Principal or delegated staff.
- School move to Safer Building Location (<u>Appendix C</u>) if the Principal cannot ascertain impact of a bushfire to school or on advice from DFES.
- Doors, roof vents and windows must be closed and evaporative air coolers turned off.
- Principal or delegated staff to monitor official communication channels to enable informed decisions to be made.
- All classes to remain within the designated Safer Building Location. See <a href="Appendix C">Appendix C</a> for a sample safer location evacuation diagram.
- All other staff and visitors report to the administration building, before directed to the Safer Building Location.
- Teachers account for each child and identify students and support staff with known respiratory conditions.
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#### 3.2.2 Response when a bushfire starts and the school is closed

If the Department's Incident Controller makes a decision on school closure-based advice from emergency services, the Regional Executive Director will inform the Principal of closure.

The Principal is to notify staff and parents of the closure using the Emergency Response Contact List (see Appendix D for a Sample Communication Plan).

The Department's Incident Controller will, in consultation with the Regional Executive Director, identify alternative accommodation of students and staff, if required. The Department's Media Unit will use media outlets to make public announcements of school closures, temporary alternative accommodation and contact number(s) for further information.

The Department's Incident Controller (in consultation with DFES) will inform the Regional Executive Director when the school can reopen, who will inform the Principal accordingly.

#### 3.2.3 Recovery

The priorities for the school during recovery are:

- Health and safety of individuals;
- Social recovery; and
- Physical (structural) recovery.

#### General

- When possible, return to normal routine as soon as possible.
- Attend to staff and student welfare, considering counselling support.
- Provide information for families and the community of any impact (including if there is none) on the school and school routine following the bushfire.
- Undertake a check of any equipment or stock used and arrange for replacement/replenishment.
- Address any physical damage to the school, isolating areas if required and, if necessary, relocate to
  alternative accommodation. Contact the Department of Finance's Building Management and Works to
  commence repairs. The Department should be advised of any damage caused by the bushfire.
- Attend to security if necessary (Contact Manager, Security and Emergency Management at Central Office on 9264 4825).
- Manage administrative details including insurance.

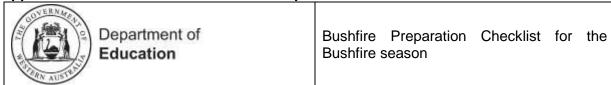
#### **Debrief**

- What worked, what didn't?
- Was anything overlooked?
- What could be done better next time?
- Should any delegation be reassigned?
- If changes are made, incorporate them into the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan and advise the appropriate parties including staff and other authorities.
- Share the knowledge with other schools.
- Test the revised Stand-alone Bushfire Plan and procedures.

For further details and contacts refer to the Recovery Section of the *Emergency and Critical Incident Management Plan* and the *Principal's Guide to Bushfire* 

#### **APPENDICES**

#### Appendix A: COMPLIANCE: Bushfire Preparation Checklist



Principals are responsible to ensure this checklist is completed annually and should be thoroughly familiar with their current plans for dealing with bushfires.

All staff members should be aware of their responsibilities in accordance with the Stand-alone Bushfire Plan

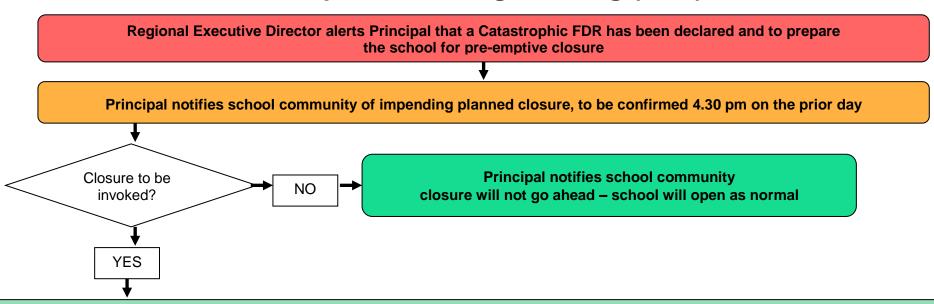
MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES				
Tick when task has been completed, or write NA if not applicable(□)	Evidence			
Has the school checked the Bushfire Zone Register on Ikon and downloaded the latest Stand-alone Bushfire Plan.	✓	20/8/19		
Principal is thoroughly familiar with the school's Standalone Bushfire Plan.	<b>✓</b>	Completion and upload of this document 30/7/19		
Students, staff, relief staff and parents/carers have been made aware of the School's Stand-alone Bushfire Plan.		Consultation and Ongoing Communication with staff. Students and Parents advised via enrolment/induction process		
The Stand-alone Bushfire Plan has been reviewed prior to the bushfire season (31 August each year) and a copy uploaded to the <u>electronic portal</u> and on the school's website.	<b>✓</b>	Completion and upload of this document 20/8/19		
The Principal or delegated staff establish contact with local emergency services, DFES, the Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions – Parks and Wildlife Services (if relevant), the local volunteer fire brigade, WA Police, Local Government Local Emergency Management Committee (LEMC), local government representative or Community Emergency Services Manager (CESM) (if there is one for the area), and incorporated their feedback into the plans (as required).	<b>✓</b>	Emergency Liaison Officer: Derek Edmondson		
Local Emergency services, (outlined above), are informed of the schools nominated pre-determined Safer Building Location (not an open area) as part of the Emergency Critical Incident Management Plan procedures.	<b>√</b>	Kelmscott SHS main site		
Schools on the Bushfire Zone Register understand the bushfire warning system and the Emergency Alert telephone warning system	<b>√</b>	As communicated		
Schools on the Bushfire Zone Register have incorporated key bushfire messages in the curriculum.	<b>√</b>	Part of enrolment/induction process		
Schools know how to turn off evaporative air conditioner units, including awareness of the location of the switches, and how to close roof vents.	<b>√</b>	As communicated		

MANAGEMENT ACTIVITIES		
Tick when task has been completed, or write NA if not applicable(□)		Evidence
Communication plans (include Telephone Call Tree – see Appendix F) are in place for directed evacuation or planned closure	<b>√</b>	S:\AdminShared\ Administration Staff\ 100Administration\110 Procedures\Evacuation Plan 2017\2017
Evacuation drills practised prior to the start of the bushfire season and at least once per term during the bushfire season. The bushfire season typically runs from late August to April in southern WA and June to late October in northern WA. Note: a minimum of three drills per year.		As communicated
School has a correctly functioning emergency warning or alert system.		Mobile siren/loud-hailer
Emergency communications equipment is available e.g. mobile telephones, hand-operated fire alarm (portable siren), portable radios and spare batteries.		Mobile siren/loud-hailer Staff communication via mobile phones
Class rolls and visitor register (or equivalent) are readily accessible in an emergency to account for students, staff and visitors.		As policy
First aid equipment is available and staff members trained in first aid have been identified.		As policy
Evacuation kit should be checked at least once per term.		As policy
Arrangements are in place in relation to school buses (notification of contractors if pre-emptive closure is invoked; availability of buses if off-site evacuation is required)		As policy
Procedures are in place to restrict use of machinery (e.g. angle grinders, mowers, and machinery with internal combustion engines) in close proximity to bushfire fuels where they may start a fire on severe Fire Danger Days.		As policy/ communicated
A <b>Safer Building Location</b> from within the school buildings has been identified. The <b>Safer Building Location</b> is not an open area and the school has processes in place to ensure the building is ready for use in a bushfire emergency. The <b>Safer Building Location</b> is to be used when it is the safest option or in the event that an off-site evacuation is not possible (Refer page 5 of <i>The Principal's Guide to Bushfire</i> ).		Main Office
The school's <b>Safer Building Location</b> is:		
More than one suitable <b>off-site location</b> needs to be identified in case one of the sites is under threat from the bushfire.		Kelmscott SHS site Yule Brook College
Defendable Asset Protection Zone (20 metre radius from buildings) is maintained throughout the year, clear of all rubbish, leaf litter, long dry grass, bark and flammable materials.		As policy Completed within timelines

#### **Appendix B: Catastrophic Event Flow Chart**

In the event of a catastrophic weather warning the **Bushfire Plan** will be invoked as per the following flow chart: (refer to *The Principal's Guide to Bushfire* for all procedures and sample letters)

# PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSE TO Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating (FDR)



#### Principal activates school action plan, including:

- notifying parents, bus contractors, community kindergartens, tenants, community hirers, out of school hours child care programs, school contractors and construction workers that the school will be closed on the day concerned;
- posting school closure signage; and
- appointing two members of staff to attend from 8.00 am to 10.00 am on the day of the school closure (only if safe).

Principal and Regional Executive Director monitor FDR for the next day

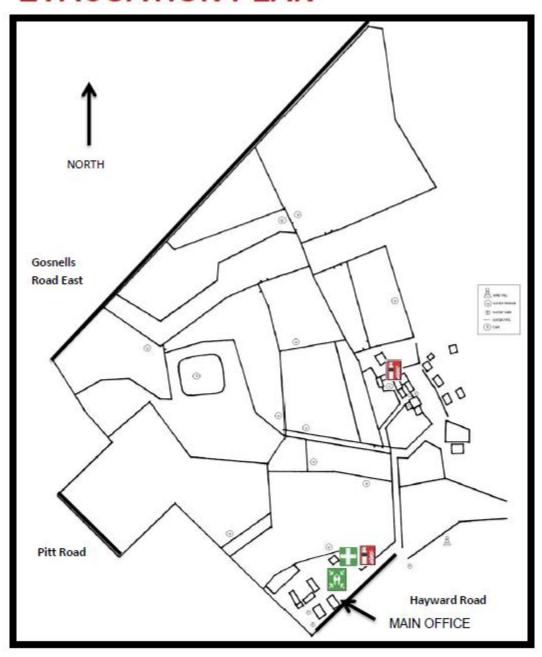
Principal liaises with Regional Executive Director to determine if school reopens next day

Principal notifies school community whether school remains closed or reopens

#### Appendix C: Hillside Farm Site Plan and Evacuation Routes

Including the safer location (Main Office), location of fire hydrants, electrical switch boards, phones and communication board, first aid and evacuation kits.

# **EVACUATION PLAN**



ASSEMBLY AREA	*H*	EMERGENCY PROCEDURE
FIRST AID KIT	+	REMOVE people from danger
		ALERT an emergency contact
FIRE EXTINGUISHER		MOVE to assembly area

#### **First Contact Emergency Procedure:**

Assuming notification of emergency is made to the Hillside Office, the following procedure is to be followed.

- a. Hillside office or Rural Skills/ATO staff are the initial contact points.
- b. Rural Skills/ATO staff to call Kelmscott SHS Agriculture HOLA
- c. Kelmscott SHS Agriculture HOLA to call Kelmscott SHS Principal who will link to Kelmscott SHS Bush Fire Plan phone tree.
- d. Kelmscott SHS Principal to initiate Kelmscott SHS Bush Fire Plan Emergency Procedures.

#### **Onsite Hillside Farm Emergency Procedure:**

In the event of any emergency requiring an evacuation from Hillside Farm, the following procedure is to be followed:

#### Hillside Farm staff to co-ordinate the following actions:

- 1. Ascertain who is on site by using the Visitor Book.
- 2. Instruct other Rural Skills/ATO staff to phone visitors to notify them of the emergency situation. If safe to do so, a visual check of all buildings and work areas to be made. Buildings include:
  - Rural Skills classroom,
  - SSEN-BE classroom,
  - Kelmscott SHS classroom,
  - Heritage classroom,
  - Hay Shed,
  - Straw Bale Shelter,
  - Gibbs Homestead,
  - Iron Shed.
  - Colourbond Shed & Toilets.
  - Shade houses and Workshops.
- 3. Inform all non-Hillside staff and students to follow the directions of Hillside staff including mustering at the Workshop area Muster Point (as per map) for evacuation.
- 4. Instruct other Rural Skills/ATO staff to prepare Hillside bus for evacuation. When all Rural Skills students are accounted for against the Attendance Register, students to be bussed to Kelmscott Senior High School Farm site.
- 5. All onsite visitors to be instructed to evacuate to the Kelmscott Senior High School Farm site either in own transport, on the Hillside bus or in other Farm vehicles.

#### **Kelmscott SHS Agriculture HOLA** to co-ordinate the following actions:

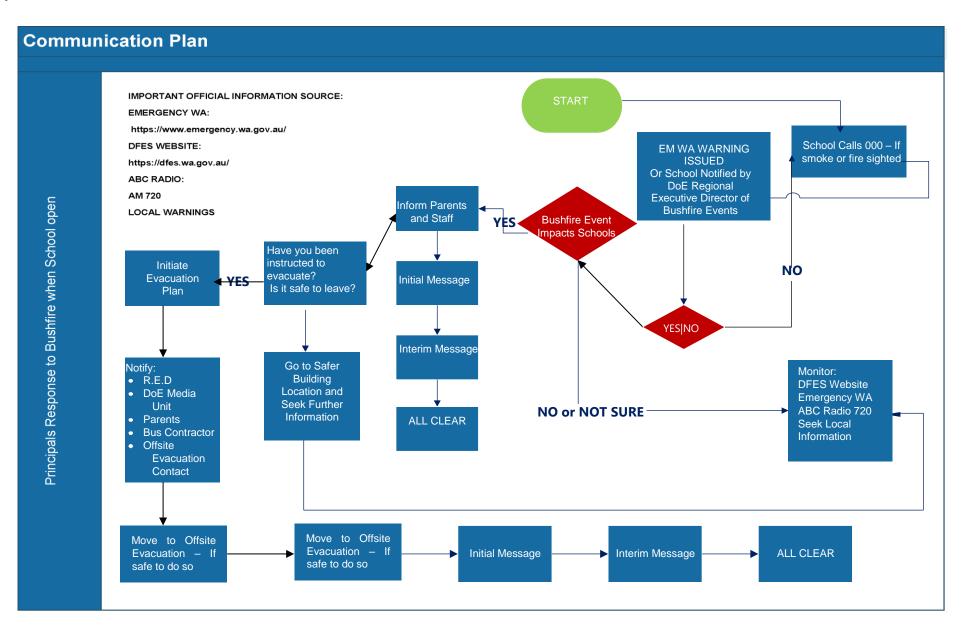
- 1. Report the safe arrival of evacuees at the Kelmscott SHS Farm site to the Principal.
- 2. Ensure that actions of the Hillside Farm staff have followed the procedure (above).
- 3. Ensure that Rural Skills staff and other school staff contact the individual schools of students on-site which will then make parent contact.
- 4. Follow the Kelmscott SHS Emergency Evacuation Plan as required.

#### Contact details for Hillside Farm Staff

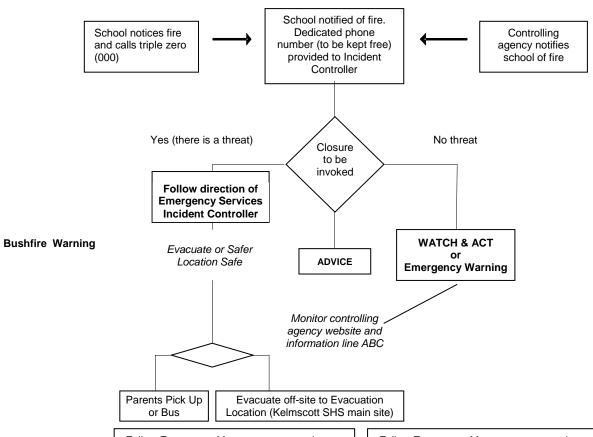
Hillside office (9398 4971)

Staff Member/Title	Phone Number	Days on site (@ August 2019)

**Appendix D: Communication Plan** 



# PRINCIPAL'S RESPONSE TO Bushfire when School Open



#### Principal's Response

Follow Emergency Management procedures School closure to be invoked Notify Regional Executive Directors and Department of Education Media Unit Activate Communication Plan to parents Notify bus contractors out of school programs etc. Follow Emergency Management procedures Move to Safer Location Notify Regional Executive Director and Department of Education Media Unit Activate Communication Plan to parents Notify bus contractors out of school programs etc.

#### **Initial Message**

School under threat of bushfire
Emergency Services advice to school to evacuate
to designated position (Note controlling agency will
identify location)

Please pick up students from (location description) Please monitor local media for specific access information

#### Bushfire in the area

Emergency Services advice is to stay on site (Option – On Emergency Services advice parents are advised NOT to pick up students Please monitor local media for specific access information

#### Interim Message

School remains under threat of bushfire Emergency Services advice to school was to evacuate

Schools remains closed

Please monitor local media for specific access information

#### Bushfire in the area

Emergency Services advice is to stay on site (Option to repeat – On Emergency Services advice parents are advised NOT to pick up students Please monitor local media for specific access information

#### **Close Out**

Threat has passed Emergency Services advise students to return to school on (date)

Please monitor local media for specific access information

#### Threat has passed

Emergency Services advise students to return to school on (date)

Please monitor local media for specific access information

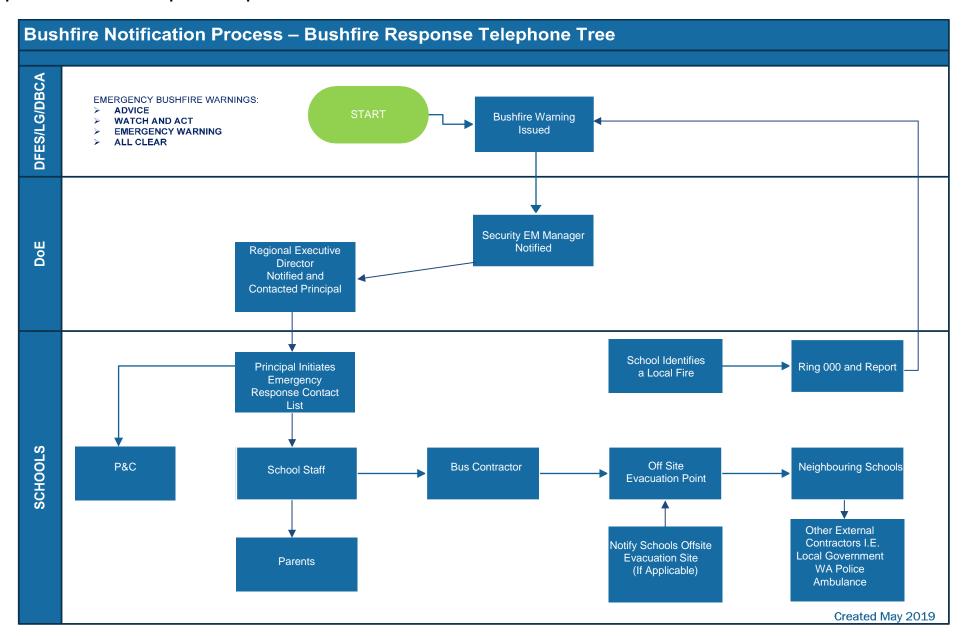
## Appendix E: Sample Emergency Response Contact List



EMERGENCY CONTACT & PHONE NUMBERS		ROLES AND RESPONSIBILITIES			
Police	Local: 131444	1	Evacuation: Prince (Mike Burns and De Edmondson) Invacuation: Prince	erek	Siren/Pause x 3 or Continuous handbell Continuous siren or short whistle blasts
Armadale Hospital	Local: 9391 20	000	Checking Rooms		Rural Skills/ATO staff
Ambulance Fire	131 233 9394 5000 + Emergency Se Coordinator 9394 5000	ervices	Evacuation: on-sit assembly point whe safe to evacuate of Invacuation: class	hen off-site	Rural Skills/ATO staff
Power Outage (Horizon Power or Western Power)	131 351		Accredited First A Officers	id	Staff member Name(s)
State Emergency Service	132 500		Communication		Principal HOLA Agriculture/Hillside Farm Manager Corporate Services
Poisons Information	131 126		Next of Kin Notification		Principal (Police if death)
REGIONAL DIRECTOR Name	Sue Cuneo Repor		Reporting and Review		Principal
PRINCIPAL	1	Name Trev	vlyn Geiles		
MANAGER CORPORATE	SERVICES	Name Lex	ie Johansen		

In the case of an EMERGENCY Call 000

Appendix F: Bushfire Response Telephone Tree



#### **Telephone Call Tree**

