



Frances Primary School

Building on Friendship and Knowledge

Catastrophic fire danger days

Frances Primary School is situated in the Lower South East fire ban district. As a R2 (high risk) site, we are directed to close when a 'catastrophic' fire danger day is forecast for the Lower South East.

We are also in close proximity to the Wimmera fire ban district in Victoria.

The department has reviewed the management of R1 (extreme to very high risk) and R2 (high risk) schools/ preschools that are in close proximity to neighbouring fire ban districts. Where a R1 or R2 site is in close proximity to a neighbouring fire ban district, they will be required to close on forecast 'catastrophic' fire danger day in any of these fire ban districts.

This means if a 'catastrophic' fire danger day is forecast for **either** the Lower South East **or** Wimmera fire ban districts, our school will be **closed** and no one is permitted on site.

If a catastrophic fire danger day is forecast, we will inform you via text of a closure after 4pm the day before. Please ensure we always have your latest contact details.

If the CFS or CFA upgrade the fire danger rating to catastrophic on the day, our school will remain open. This is in line with the department's processes and allows us to more easily manage communication with parents and caregivers in the event that a closure of the school is recommended by the department.

Our school has detailed plans in place to keep your child safe in the event of a bushfire.

We encourage you to read the [Bushfire and your child's school or preschool brochure](#) for more information on closures and how we will act if threatened by a bushfire. Search 'bushfire information' on www.education.sa.gov.au.

Kind Regards

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Principal