IMPORTANT INFORMATION ABOUT DAYS OF EXTREME & CODE RED FIRE DANGER

Dear Families,

In the interest of the safety of our students, families and staff, The Patch School will:

- be applying to the Department of Education & Training (DET) for permission to close on days where the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme and
- definitely close on days when the Fire Danger Rating is Code Red, as per DET policy

**As our school is on DET’s Bushfire At-Risk register, The Patch School WILL BE CLOSED on Code Red days**

Where possible, when a Code Red day is declared, you will be notified between 4-6 days beforehand BUT it may be as little as 3 days. Once confirmed (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure), regardless of any late change in the expected weather, the school will be closed and this will not change. Due to the elevated bushfire risk, **there will be no staff at school on these days**. Updates on school closures can be found on the DET Emergency Management web page. [Click here](#) for more information on Code Red days via the DET website.

**On days of Extreme Fire Danger, The Patch School will apply to DET for permission to close**

As per Code Red days, if closure is approved, **there will again be no staff at school**. If this occurs, families will be notified using several communication methods (no later than 1pm the day before the anticipated closure) so please be aware you may receive the same information more than once. This is because we must be absolutely sure everyone is aware of this situation.

Information about the current and expected Fire Danger Ratings can be found in weather forecasts on daily news programs, published on websites and in newspapers, broadcast on radio, on the [CFA website](#) and through CFA’s [Fire Ready](#) app.

Please note that it is the responsibility of every family to:

1. know where to find and understand Fire Danger Rating information
2. understand The Patch School’s procedure for days of EXTREME fire danger and CODE RED fire danger
3. sign the attached form acknowledging your acceptance of these responsibilities and return it to the school

For your convenience, a copy of this letter has been posted on the Emergency Management page of the school website, where you will find the hyperlinks enabled.

Thank you for your support and co-operation with this important safety matter.

Yours sincerely,

Debra Herrmann
Principal
ACKNOWLEDGEMENT OF PROCEDURES ON DAYS OF EXTREME & CODE RED FIRE DANGER

I/we acknowledge the receipt of information regarding The Patch School’s procedures for days of Extreme and Code Red fire danger.

I/we know where to find fire danger rating information and understand their meanings.

I/we understand that The Patch School will close on Code Red fire danger days and apply to the Department of Education & Training for pre-emptive closure on days of Extreme fire danger.

Parent Name: _________________________  Parent Name: _________________________
Signature: ___________________________  Signature: ___________________________
Date: _________________  Date _______________

Child’s Name: _________________________  Grade: _____________
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Please return this form to school on the first day back.

Thank you.