

Permission to Leave Unaccompanied on TFB Days

12th October 2017

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Many of our students live close to the school and regularly walk home whilst others catch the public bus from The Patch Store.

On days of Total Fire Ban the school has developed procedures to ensure we are as well prepared for a bushfire emergency as we can be. As late afternoon is often the time of day when many fires begin, we would like to remind parents of the risk involved with children being unsupervised at this time.

On days of Total Fire Ban we would prefer that students are collected at the end of the day by a responsible adult but, if this is not possible and you consent to your child leaving the school unaccompanied, please complete the permission slip below. This will be stored in your child's class Total Fire Ban folder for reference and your child can leave the school as you have requested. We consider this a personal decision and *only you* know your specific family's circumstances and what will work best for you.

Please also remember that if keeping your child with you on days of high fire danger is part of your family's Bushfire Survival Plan, please do not hesitate to do this and simply send a note on their return as per any absence.

The best way to prepare for an emergency is to have a practical plan in place and to communicate clearly, so we all know what to do if the situation arises.

As always, if you have any questions please don't hesitate to contact the school.

Debra Herrmann Principal

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| l,child/children : | (print parent/guardian name) give permission for my |
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| Child: | Grade: |
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| to leave school unaccompanied after 3.30pm | on days of Total Fire Ban. |
| Signed: | Date: |