

Standalone bushfire plan 2024-2025

Armadale Senior High School



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 <u>prepare for bushfire season at your school</u>.

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 <u>lodge, update or access your standalone</u> <u>bushfire plan online</u>.

School name (include name of co-located	Armadale Senior High School (SHS) Armadale Education Support Centre (ESC)
school or facilities if applicable)	Armadale Full Service School (FSS)
School address	169 South Western Highway Armadale WA 6112
Education Region	South Metro
Number of students	718
Number of students requiring extra support if evacuating	79
Number of staff	134
Number of school sides bordered by bush	2
Names of major roads bordering school	South Western Highway and Hobbs Drive
School's site-specific alert, for example:	Evacuation (fire) alarm – continues beeps via public announce (PA) OR Continuous handbell Continuous siren/short whistle blasts

Plan prepared by	Manager Corporate Services
(principal's name)	Principal
Date prepared or reviewed	July 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)	Armadale Police Station	(08) 9399 0222
Local hospital (name of nearest hospital or medical emergency facility)	Armadale Health Service	(08) 9391 2000
Department of Fire and Emergency Services regional contact	DFES – Armadale	(08) 6424 1502
Local fire brigade (for example, name of nearest fire station)	Armadale Fire Station	(08) 6496 3810
Local bushfire brigade (for example name of nearest station)	Armadale Fire Station	(08) 6496 3810
Bus contractors (ready for pre-emptive closure or offsite evacuation)	School Bus Services (Armadale)	13 62 13
Electricity provider - in the case of a power outage (for example, Horizon Power, Western Power)	Western Power	13 13 51
State emergency service (if known)	SES - Kelmscott	(08) 9497 1266
Poisons information (where relevant)	WA Poisons Information Centre	13 11 26
Director of Education name	Sue Cuneo	

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	Duties
Principal	Collect Evacuation Kit
	Move to control centre with mobile phone and loudhailer
Deputy Principal	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable and loudhailer
	Check staffroom, conference room, DM2, Automotive, Trade Training Centre and T&E Office
	Move to evacuation point
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable and check small gym, PE Office, PAC and Sports Hall
	Move to evacuation point
Manager Corporate	Acts as Emergency Liaison Officer
Services	Collect Sign In and Out Records and Faults Book
	Collect full set of keys
	Lock safe
Principal ESC	Move to control centre with own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable and loudhailer
	Follow ESC plan
Deputy Principal ESC	Follow ESC Plan

Manager	Move to control centre with own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if			
Corporate Services ESC	applicable and loudhailer			
gorniose 250	Follow ESC Plan			
Support Staff	Divert all admin reception calls to admin emergency mobile phone: 0457 101 707			
	Collect admin emergency mobile phone			
	Check DM4, DM5, Rooms 3-6, Targeted Learning Support Office and Zen Den			
	Move to evacuation point			
	Produce all staff list and check attendance			
	Receive SMS from staff on releif phone once in safe location/evacuation point			
	Place closed signs on student entry and reception doors ensuring all external doors are locked			
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable			
	Check Rooms 14-18 and Maths Office			
	Move to gate 2 with mobile phone			
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable			
	Check Cottage			
	Go to admin gate 1 and stop anyone entering			
	Wait for Emergency Services			
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable			
	Check Rooms 9-11, English Office, HASS Office, Rooms 14-18 and Maths Office			
	Move to evacuation point			
	Print out absences for students and attendance by form list			
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable			
	Move to evactuation point and give form lists to Deputy Principals for distribution			
	(Report: Compass -> Attendance -> By Form – located under Emergency in bottom right)			
School Psychologist	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable			
1 Sychologist	Check Room 19, Home Ec Office, Room 20, Room 21, Room 36 and Wellbeing Centre			
	Move to evactuation point			

Student	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
Services	Check rooms under student services hallway – including PBS Shop, Room 52, Room 31 and Room 32
	Move to evacuation point
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
	Check top level student services hallway including Attendance Office, Server Room, VET Office, toilets and Rooms 25 to 27
	Move to evacuation point
	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
	Check Room 38 and 39, Room 22-24, Gardener, Salon and Cleaners Rooms
	Move to evacuation point
Nurse	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable and all medical equipment and move to evacuation point
Library Officer	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
	Check Library, Tech Centre, Arts/IT Office and IT Office
	Collect students from library and move to evacuation point
Targeted Learning	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
Services	Check Canteen, Café and Food Tech 3
	Assist Canteen staff and move with them to evacutation point
Chrysalis	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
Program	Check Cottage, sea container storage and surrounding gated yard
	Collect students from Cottage and move to evacuation point
Laboratory	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
Technician	Check Rooms 28-30, Science Office, Rooms 32-35, Science Prep Lab and DM3
	Move to evacuation point
VET Office	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable
	Check DM2, Rooms 40-44 and machine room
	Move to evacuation point

Full Service School	Collect own mobile phone and assigned work mobile phone if applicable		
	Check FSS Office and Community Room		
	Collect students from FSS and move to evacutation point		
Accredited first aid officers			
Other (if applicable)			

4 Bushfire response telephone tree - Redacted

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 <u>Incident</u> <u>Management Plan</u>).	Admin – Manager Corporate Services
First aid kit(s) - include masks in case some students are susceptible to smoke.	Admin and Student Services
Emergency alert system and communication equipment, for example: • mobile telephones (charged) • hand-operated fire alarm (portable siren) • megaphone/loud hailer • portable CB radios • spare batteries.	Staff have mobile phones, public announce (PA) system, loudhailers
Registers for: students staff visitors.	Stored electronically via Compass and Passtab. MCS and School Officers have access on Mobile phone to view visitor, staff and student registers in the event of an emergency. Printed copies of records are available in Administration – Emergency folder.
Standalone bushfire plan: hard copy in the evacuation kit copy saved to an online platform for access offsite. 	Harcopy: Admin – Manager Corporate Services Office in Evacuation Kit Online: Saved to Compass

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	☑ or N/A	Comments
The annual review of the Standalone bushfire plan has been completed before the start of bushfire season.	V	July 2024
Consulted and received advice in preparing your Standalone bushfire plan from any of the following(as relevant): I local Emergency Services Department of Fire and Emergency Services Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions – Parks and Wildlife Service Iocal volunteer fire brigade WA Police Force Iocal emergency management committee (LEMC) or local government representative community emergency services manager, if there is one for the area.	V	DFES annual visit completed 17 May 2024
Staff have been made aware of the Standalone bushfire plan through: • staff meetings • staff bushfire induction session that includes: - 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.	V	Distributed on Compass Distributed via All Staff email Stored on Shared Drive
Students and parents or carers have been made aware of the Standalone bushfire plan through: • key bushfire safety messages incorporated into the curriculum • newsletters • school information booklet (include actions and procedures) • school website.	V	Connect message to parents/carers

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Management activities	☑ or N/A	Comments
 Communication plans are in place: 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). Contact lists for staff and parents must be current. 	V	See appendices
Emergency equipment available and checked (section 5): • 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.	✓	Checked by Business Support Officer each term and updated as required
Practise drills moving to your onsite 'safer building location(s)': • before the start of the bushfire season • at least once per term during the bushfire season. You must do at least 2 drills per year.	V	
The asset protection zone, which is a minimum distance of 20 metres surrounding the main school buildings, is checked and is: • 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. For information on the asset protection zone, refer to Prepare for bushfire season at your school on Ikon.	V	Maintenance of the cultivated area is on a schedule provided through a DOE contract with Turfcare. Maintenance last completed: 21st May 2024

7 Bushfire action plan maps

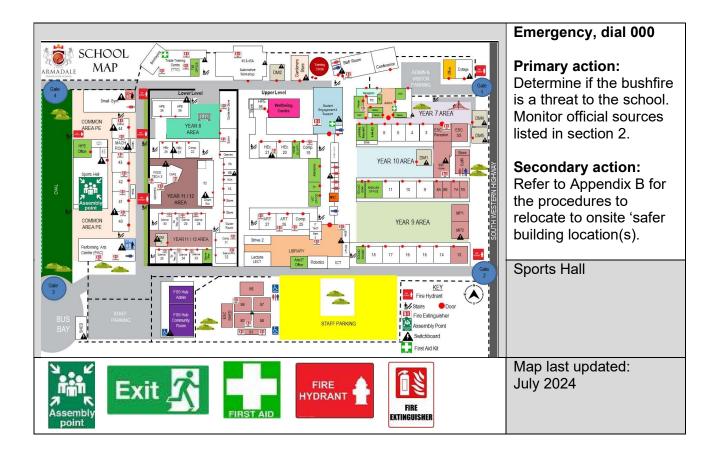
7.1 Onsite 'safer building location(s)'

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 locations(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.

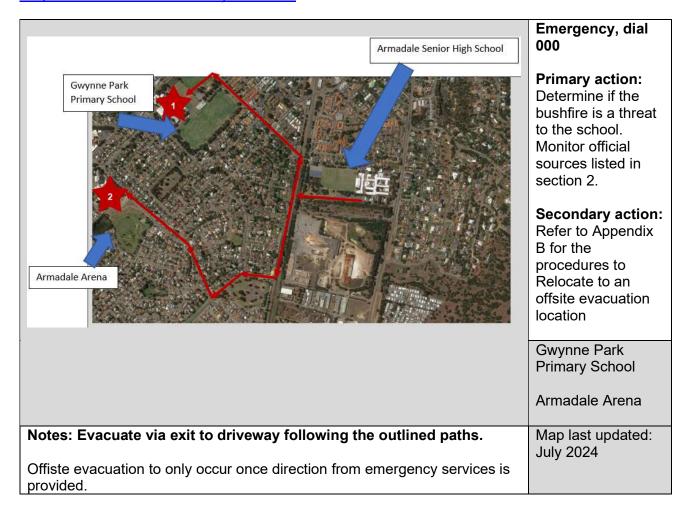


7.2 Offsite evacuation locations

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.



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

A fire has started, be aware and keep up to date.



This is general information to keep principals informed and up to date with developments.

Principals must:

- 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.

There is a possible threat to lives and property. Conditions are changing.

WATCH AND

Principals must prepare to:

- evacuate; or
- move students, staff and visitors to their pre-determined onsite 'safer building location'. They must not be moved to an open area.

Evacuation orders are:

- issued by the Incident Controller or Emergency Services if required.
- relayed via official sources such as Emergency WA.

It is vital that the principal:

- 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.

A school is in danger as its area will be impacted by fire. Take immediate action to survive.

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.

EMERGENCY



A siren, called the State Emergency Warning Signal (<u>SEWS</u>), may accompany an emergency warning.

Evacuation orders are:

- directed by the Incident Controller or Emergency Services.
- relayed via official sources, such as Emergency WA.

It is vital that the principal:

- 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 <u>Emergency WA</u> 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)
Dial 000 for emergency services and request fire brigade. When connected to Department of Fire and Emergency Services, advise: • 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.	
Remain in contact with the Department of Fire and Emergency Services. Monitor official bushfire emergency information contact sources in section 2.1.	
Activate your school response team to carry out their responsibilities (section 3).	
Use your emergency response contact list to contact stakeholders (section 2).	
Follow your bushfire response telephone call tree (section 4) to communicate with the school community.	
 Ensure parents receive emergency text message alerts to: inform them of relocation keep them updated (use the emergency text message alert templates, refer to Manage bushfire incident communications on Ikon). 	
Parents must not collect students until instructed.	

 Confirm: 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. 	
Take emergency equipment (section 5): registers for students, staff and visitors evacuation kit water mobile phones (charged) student medication	
Sound the school emergency warning or alert system.	
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)	
Students and staff must remain in classrooms unless they are directed to move to an onsite safer building location.	
Check student, staff and visitor registers after moving to an onsite safer building location (roll call). Advise the police if anyone is missing.	
You must give special consideration to students with known respiratory conditions.	
Wait for emergency services to arrive or the incident controller to provide you with information.	
Ongoing advice will also be provided by the Manager, Security and Emergency Management or the director of education.	
Continue to monitor official bushfire information sources listed in section 2.1.	
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.	

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 <u>Emergency WA</u> 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)
Dial 000 for emergency services and request fire brigade.	
When connected to Department of Fire and Emergency Services, advise: • 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. Remain in contact with Department of Fire and Emergency Services and your director of education. Monitor official bushfire emergency information contact sources	
listed in section 2.1.	
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).	
If safe to do so, muster at the identified assembly area where staff, students and visitors can gather to prepare for offsite evacuation.	
Use an alternative assembly area if your first identified assembly area is unsafe.	
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.	

Follow the Bushfire response telephone call tree to communicate with the school community (section 4). Ensure parents and carers receive emergency SMS alerts to: • inform them of relocation • keep them updated (use the emergency text message alert templates, refer to Manage bushfire incident communications on Ikon).	
Note: Parents must not collect students until instructed.	
Confirm: evaporative air conditioners are turned off building roof vents and doors are closed.	
Take emergency equipment (section 5): registers for students, staff and visitors evacuation kit mobile phones (charged). student medication.	
Sound the school emergency warning or alert system.	
 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. 	
Check registers after evacuating staff, students and visitors (roll call). Advise the police if anyone is missing.	
The Manager, Security and Emergency Management or the director of education will provide ongoing advice. Continue to monitor official bushfire information sources listed in section 2.1.	
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.	

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.

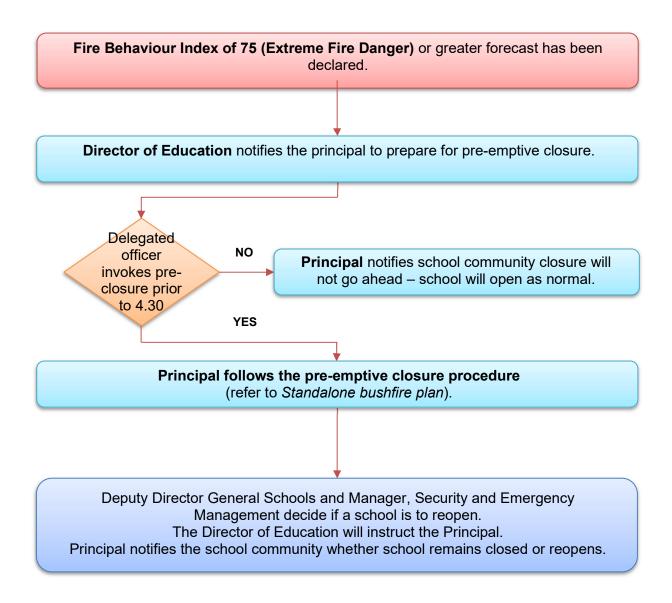
Initiate the closure procedure if you receive advice from the director of education or the Security and Emergency Management unit.

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: 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: • 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: 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 <u>Emergency WA</u> 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: 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.	