

Rainbow Ridge School Interim Bushfire Plan as of September 2019

This plan is an addendum to our current Bushfire Emergency Evacuation Plan and will be in place until we have received further advice from the NSW Fire Brigade and is in response to the recent spate of fires in the region.

IN THE CASE OF A BUSHFIRE ENCROACHING THE SCHOOL AFTER HOURS

The Principal will make the final decision to close the school until further notice

Parents and staff will be notified by SMS and/or email that the school is closed.

The local ABC radio station will broadcast this advice (phone 6627 2011)

Protection of the school from bushfire will be through the local volunteer fire brigade

Blue Knob Fire Brigade Captain: Ken Wallace 0429 024 594,

Nimbin Fire Brigade Captain: Marcus Mantscheff 0428 221 210

IN THE CASE OF A BUSHFIRE ENCROACHING THE SCHOOL DURING SCHOOL HOURS

Office staff will be checking the FIRES NEAR ME website.

Office staff will be in contact with the local fire captain Ken Wallace at Blue Knob Fire Brigade who will advise on assembly location and evacuation.

The assembly location will be the safest place depending on smoke and the speed of the fire.

Teachers will be advised by a staff member knocking on the classroom door and informing the teacher of the whole school assembly point. **There will be no bell or alarm sounded.** Teachers will close all windows and doors and take the students and class roll to the assembly point

The most likely assembly point will be the school hall

The school Hall provides:

Inside access, room for the whole school, fire hose near the door, phone in the library, toilets and access to water in the kitchen, a supply of towels that can be wet and used to protect from smoke inhalation/ heat.

Fire wardens will ensure:

All windows and doors closed

Gas turned off outside the kitchen and all other gas bottles situation permitting.

Office staff will arrange transport of student (school bus and staff cars) from the school to evacuation location

Where possible parents will be contacted by SMS message with an update and a request not to call the school to keep the phone lines open.

The evacuation location will be advised by the local fire brigade contact and parents advised.

Evacuation locations are: Nimbin Town Hall (primary location); Cawongla Village and Mt Burrell Caravan Park (Secondary Locations)