

Bushfire Safety Policy

The location of our service is considered a high bushfire risk during the summer months, when fire danger increases. It is imperative that the service acts to protect both children and staff during this time. Due to the nature of our staffing environment and our service location, the service will not operate on days that are rated by the weather bureau as catastrophic. The service may also choose to close on days where the fire danger rating has been given as extreme, taking into consideration a combination of the following factors:

- Williamstown Primary is required to close ie: their risk is seen as significant.
- We have had several days of hot weather in a row and the risks have become greater.
- Thunderstorms with lightning strikes are forecast for our district
- Local fires are burning that may negatively affect the availability of the local CFS.
- There are significant fires in other areas, to which our local CFS members may have been deployed, reducing the personnel available to defend us in the event of a fire.

Families will be notified should the service be closing due to the increased risk posed by bushfires and no fees will be charged in the event that the service must close.