

BUSH FIRE / EVACUATION PLAN OF ACTION AND PROCEDURE

**IN THE EVENT OF A BUSH FIRE IN ANY REGION WHICH
SURROUNDS THE SCHOOL, THE FOLLOWING
PROCEDURES ARE TO BE FOLLOWED IN
CONSULTATION WITH THE RURAL FIRE BRIGADE,
QUEENSLAND POLICE AND QUEENSLAND FIRE AND
RESCUE.**

Refer: Education Queensland Policy and Procedures Register
FNM – PR – 003 Risk Management

Mount Nebo Early Warning Siren System has three phases:

- **1st Phase** – ALERT – extreme fire danger, consider going
- **2nd Phase** – STAY OR GO NOW - ignition and extreme fire conditions, still enough time to leave
- **3rd Phase** – BATTEN DOWN – immediate threat to life/property, evacuation no longer possible

1. Contact local fire wardens:

Mount Nebo	Terry Bradford	3289 8181
Mount Glorious	Bob Snowdon	3289 0150
Jolly's Lookout	Les Austin	3289 1465

QLD FIRE & RESCUE

Ashgrove Fire Station	Phone	3366 0258
547 Waterworks Road	Fax	3366 8728
Field Fire Truck		0410 483 137
Petrie-		5420 1332
		0457 821 919
Gary McCormack		5420 1332

2. Advise Regional Office (3436 6255) (Ipswich 3436 6260), Shane Kruse 0408 452 414 of impending possible danger from a fire.
Advise Regional Office of
school mobile phone number 0407 038 550.

3. Assess situation in consultation with Rural Fire Brigade, Queensland Fire & Rescue and school staff, using all relevant details which are available from the Fire Warden and Queensland Fire and Rescue.

Contact parents. (bulk SMS-Message Media. Parents have the option of coming to the school and collecting their own children.

If situation is considered serious, instigate the evacuation of the children from the school and off the mountain using the local school bus (Adrian Jones 3289 8200, 0432 192 389 or the Jones Café 3289 8126. Children and staff would be evacuated to one of three locations – depending on direction of fire. The Gap State School, Samford State School, Red/White Cedars.

4. **Should it become necessary for staff and children to remain at school** then a ‘Shelter in Place Procedure’ will be followed as provided by Emergency Services. The following procedure is one scenario that would be carried out.

- Hose on the corner of A Block is to be unrolled and the nozzle placed near the steps of B Block (top on nozzle turned off).
- Galvanised bins to be brought to the area at the bottom of the steps of B Block.
- Metal buckets and floor mops to be brought to the same area.
- These bins and buckets will be placed in the position considered most advantageous and filled with water/sand.
- A staff member will remove any objects (from around the buildings) which could catch fire.
- Hose down buildings and surrounds, consider interior of Block B.

- Block gutters of buildings in the order B, A, D and fill gutters with water (extension ladder is in cleaner's room under Block A).
- Children and staff to assemble together in B Block. Whether it is safest to be in this building or under it will need to be decided when the position of fire is determined (in consultation with the Rural Fire and Queensland Fire and Rescue).
- Mobile phone to be kept with a teacher at all times.
- Bring first aid kit, evacuation box, fire extinguishers and fire blankets to B Block (BM and Aides).

PRECAUTIONS IN PLACE

- Local Fire Wardens' names and phone numbers are attached to this policy
- Fire extinguishers/blankets are in all buildings.
- Oval has been approved as suitable for the landing of a helicopter (landing did take place on 17.09.92).
- Water tanks are situated in strategic positions in the grounds. Storage tanks are kept adequately filled. Usually two completely full tank.
- Extra gates available for emergency access to grounds.
- Surrounds of buildings are swept and raked daily.
- Grounds are kept mowed and brush cut to fence boundaries. Header tank is always full.
- Metal bins and mops are readily available for use (kept in Cleaner's room).

- Planting of “green barriers” eg. covering of front bank with succulent type plants.
- Regular trimming of shrubbery and trees.
- First Aid equipment includes:
 - Fire blankets
 - First aid kit
 - Fire extinguishers
 - Emergency contact list
 - Cotton blankets
- Availability of sand (oval sand pit and pit behind Library)
- Extension ladder is readily available (cleaner’s room under A Block)
- Gutter blocks for each building are in the Cleaner’s room. Instructions and details for use are included.