

EMERGENCY BUSHFIRE MANAGEMENT POLICY

STATEMENT

Gardenvale Primary School has been identified as a school that is **not** on the Bushfire At-Risk Register, but as part of the school's Emergency Management Procedures there are some precautionary strategies that will be implemented by the school on a routine basis to ensure the safety of the school premises and its population.

GUIDELINES

There must be evidence of the following:

- A schedule for monitoring and removal of materials that may be easily ignited, including branches overhanging buildings, debris and rubbish around and under buildings, including gutters, and dry grass and vegetation
- Safe storage of flammable material
- That building exits are continuously kept clear of obstructions
- That assembly points are designated and have appropriate access to emergency equipment
- That there is access to facilities and grounds for emergency vehicles
- The school must also regularly monitor emergency access to buildings and grounds.

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The following schedule will be carried out by the school maintenance staff member and the OH&S Coordinator to ensure fire safe premises:

MAINTENANCE SCHEDULE

TERM	SAFETY PROCEDURE	PERSON	COMPLETED
		RESPONSIBLE	
Each Term	Check school premises for	Maintenance	
	overhanging materials	Staff	
	Remove debris and rubbish	Maintenance	
	around and under buildings	Staff	
	Clean guttering	Maintenance	
		Staff	
	Check the school building and	Maintenance	
	grounds to ensure the safe	Staff	
	storage of flammable materials		
	Check that building exits are kept	Maintenance	
	clear of obstructions	Staff	
	Check to ensure that assembly	Principal	
	points are designated and have		
	access to emergency equipment		
	Check that there is access to	Principal	
	facilities and grounds for		
	emergency vehicles		

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- GPS Emergency Management Policy
- GPS Emergency Management Plan for evacuation details
- Bushfire and Grassfire Preparedness

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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