



Key Steps in our Grassfire Plan

Cornish College is in an area considered to be at possible risk of a grassfire during the summer fire season.

The College has developed a Grassfire Plan to ensure the safety of students, parents and staff, both at the College and whilst travelling to and from their homes.

<p>1. DAILY MONITORING Fire Danger Ratings and Emergency Warnings</p>	<p>During the fire season in Victoria the College will monitor CFA Fire Danger Ratings and the Vic Emergency Warnings for the 'Central district' daily.</p> <p>Staff will be advised accordingly.</p>
<p>2. PREPARATION and MONITORING on an 'EXTREME' Fire Danger Day or a 'Total Fire Ban' Day</p>	<p>On 'Extreme' Fire Danger days, the College Management Team will meet to ensure preparedness should an incident arise.</p> <p>This includes:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Assessing if safe for students to undertake outdoor activities; • Encouraging staff to be vigilant and report any sign of fire; • Ensuring Total Fire Ban restrictions are followed; • Regularly checking for warnings/incidents during the day.
<p>3. IF A 'CODE RED' DAY IS DECLARED</p>	<p>The Principal will confirm (usually a day before) closure of the school is the appropriate action, and;</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Communicate to all parents/guardians, staff and students as early as possible, via SMS, the Hive and College website; • College Management Team will initiate the Emergency Management Plan – Bushfire Procedures and liaise with Bus Company, Emergency Services, etc.
<p>4. If a fire is in the immediate vicinity of the College during a school day</p>	<p>The Principal will confirm the appropriate action with CFA/Emergency Services. Such as (if safe to do so) early dismissal of students or preparation for movement to designated 'shelter-in-place' or evacuation site.</p> <p>College Management Team will:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Initiate Emergency Management Plan – Bushfire Procedures (Wardens activated and on radio/ mobile) • Communicate to staff, students and to parents/guardians via SMS, the Hive and College website. • Liaise with Emergency Services and Bus Company. <p><u>Parents should not act until</u> they will receive communication from the Principal via SMS and on the Hive.</p>