



NURIOOTPA HIGH SCHOOL

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Dear Parents/Caregivers

Re: School Closures and Cancelled School Bus and Taxi Runs on days of Catastrophic Fire Danger Ratings

A number of our school managed School Buses and Taxis will **not** run when a Catastrophic (Code Red) Fire Danger Rating is declared for the **Mt Lofty, Murraylands or Mid North Fire Ban Districts**. The SA Government/DECD policy is that schools will close, and school buses and taxis will not run, in designated fire ban districts when those districts have a declared fire danger rating of **Catastrophic (Code Red)**.

Nuriootpa High School is **not** in an affected fire ban district and **will** remain open. However, the following buses and taxis **do** travel into the above fire ban districts and therefore are **not** permitted to operate on Catastrophic (Code Red) days for that district.

| Run Code | Run Name | Murraylands | Mid North | Mt Lofty |
|----------|------------------------------------|-------------|-----------|----------|
| LYNCV | Cockatoo Valley | | | ✓ |
| EVM | Eden Valley to Angaston | ✓ | | ✓ |
| FWWJP | Flaxman Valley/Jubilee Ave/Penrice | | | ✓ |
| GOM | Gomersal/Bethany | | ✓ | ✓ |
| GRN | Greenock | | ✓ | ✓ |
| LYNTAN | Lyndoch/Tanunda | | | ✓ |
| LYNEXP | Lyndoch Express | | | ✓ |
| MAG | Moculta/Angaston | | | ✓ |
| RFT | Rowland Flat | | | ✓ |
| SEAN | Sedan/Angaston | ✓ | | ✓ |
| TRO | Dutton/Truro | ✓ | | ✓ |
| VYD | Vineyard | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Taxi Run 01 | | | ✓ |
| | Taxi Run 02 | | | ✓ |
| | Taxi Run 03 | | ✓ | ✓ |
| | Taxi Run 04 | | ✓ | ✓ |

While these buses and taxis are not permitted to run, students affected **are** permitted to attend school but transport to and from school on that day would be at the discretion and responsibility of their parents/caregivers.

As per our guidelines, an **ADVANCE WARNING** bulletin will be provided two days before a possible bus run cancellation.

It is possible that the CFS/weather bureau will declare Catastrophic (Code Red) at **very short notice** and it may not be possible to issue this advanced warning.

Information will also be provided via the school answering machine, website and noticeboard. It is essential that all families also monitor the media and public broadcasts and warnings associated with bushfire warning and with taking control of their own bushfire safety and preparedness. Families can also contact the parent hotline, 1800 000 279, which will operate the day before and throughout bus run cancellation periods when the Catastrophic (Code Red) level bushfire weather is forecast.

Thankyou for your understanding and cooperation as we work together to keep our children safe.

Regards

Neil White
PRINCIPAL

14/11/17