

Understanding Warnings




Warnings are issued when a fire has started and you need to take action.

Make sure you understand the three levels of warnings and what they mean. The three levels of warnings are

- Advice
- Watch and Act
- Emergency Warning

Don't expect warnings to be issued in any particular order. The first warning you could get could be an Emergency Warning.

There are three different levels of warnings:

	ADVICE An incident is occurring or has occurred in the area Access information and monitor conditions.
	WATCH AND ACT An emergency is developing nearby. You need to take action now to protect yourself and others.
	EMERGENCY WARNING You are in imminent danger and need to take action now. You will be impacted.

Our Bullengarook Campus watch zone on the Vic Emergency App is set at 10 kilometres, which staff monitor daily. We plan to follow the above warning system and access the best advice available. Our fire response plan is as follows.

1. When an Advice is issued for our watch zone, our Chief Warden will contact the DET Emergency Controllers and the local CFA and be guided their advice.
2. When a Watch and Act is issued for our watch zone, our Chief Warden will contact the DET Emergency Controllers and the local CFA and advise them we are planning to evacuate. This is to ensure we are taking the correct action and our evacuation route is clear.
3. When an Emergency warning is issued for our watch zone, our Chief Warden will contact the DET Emergency Controllers and the local CFA to inform them we are gathering in our Shelter In Place. This is to gain the best advice and ensure emergency services are aware of our situation and are available to assist.

At all times, the school will endeavour to communicate our actions with families, however we ask that families do not contact the school as we only have two phone lines which need to be available to communicate with emergency services

We also ask that families do not attend school to pick up their child, as this will dramatically increase traffic in the area. This has the potential to interfere with emergency vehicles, making access more difficult