

# CYCLONE POLICY



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## Cyclone Information

### Cyclone Watch/Warning

Children are to attend school as per normal.

### **Blue Alert: Get ready for a cyclone**

- In a blue alert the school will usually remain open.
- If a Yellow Alert is predicted and likely to be declared at some time during the school day the school will not open, and children are to remain at home.
- If the school is to close, this information will be broadcasted via the following local radio stations. Emergency information is broadcasted at approximately ¼ past the hour. The frequency of the updates will depend on the type of cyclone alert. School closure will be broadcasted between 6.15am and 7.45am. ABC Radio (Official Broadcast) Spirit Radio (Unofficial Broadcast)
- The closure advice will be repeated each morning until the decision to re-open the school is made.

### **PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL.**

- All information and updated reports relating to the warnings and school closure **ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO**. Please keep yourself informed.

### **Yellow Alert: Act now to stay safe**

- If a Yellow Alert is declared during a school day, the following will occur:
- Yellow Alert before 12:00: – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at lunch time. Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.
- Yellow alert after 12:00: – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at the usual time. Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.
- Yellow alert after 14:00: – If a Yellow Alert is called at or after 2.00pm schools will generally be closed the following day. Please continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open.

The above does not preclude immediate closure in extenuating circumstances and if deemed necessary by the Cyclone Committee.

### **Red Alert: Shelter now**

- The School will remain closed during a Red Alert.
- In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2.00pm, schools will remain closed the following day.
- In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2.00pm but subsequently cancelled, the Regional Executive Director in consultation with the Cyclone Committee has the discretion to ensure that schools open the following day.

### **After the Cyclone All clear / Be careful**

If a Red Alert is called after 2.00pm schools will generally be closed the following day to allow for assessment and repair of serious damage. Please continue to listen to the radio to receive information as to when schools will open. Please keep yourself informed via the radio, until all threats from the cyclone have passed.

### **Cyclone Committee Members:**

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