

CYCLONE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS 2012

On entering Cyclone Season, all schools must maintain a consistent policy. This is the policy adopted by all schools in the Karratha area. Please place these details in a prominent position where they can be easily accessed. Below is the practice in the categories of Cyclone Watch, Blue Alert, Yellow Alert and Red Alert.

Cyclone Watch/Warning:

Children to attend school as normal.

Blue Alert

The school will usually remain open.

If a Yellow Alert is likely to be declared at some time during the school day *the school will not open, children remain at home.*

If the school is to close, this information will be broadcast between 6.30pm and 6.45pm, and between 6.30am and 6.45am on:

- ABC Radio 6KP 9183 5011
- Spirit Radio 6KA 9144 4333

The closure advice will be repeated each morning until the decision to re-open the school is made.

School buses may be affected at this stage. Any change to the bus operation will be given on the radio at the above times. PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL. All information and updated reports relating to warnings and school closures **ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO.** Please keep yourself informed.

Yellow Alert

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

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

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 threat from the cyclone is past.