



Cyclone Information for Parents

Please read carefully in order to understand the College practice in each of the Cyclone alert categories.

Cyclone Watch/Warning

Children will attend school as normal.

Blue Alert

The College will normally remain open. If a Yellow alert is likely to be declared at some time during the school day, *the school will not open, students should remain at home. An SMS alert will be sent to parents.*

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** Phone 9183 5011

- **Spirit Radio 6KA** Phone 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 the information and updated reports relating to warnings and school closures **ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO.** Please keep yourself up to date via this avenue.

Yellow Alert

If a Yellow Alert is declared during a school day, the following will occur:

Yellow Alert before 12 noon – *An SMS alert will be sent to parents.* 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 noon – *An SMS alert will be sent to parents.* Students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at the normal time (3pm). Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.

Yellow Alert after 2pm – *An SMS alert will be sent to parents.* If a Yellow Alert is called at or after 2.00pm (1400hrs), the College 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

The College will remain closed during a Red Alert. In the event that the Red Alert is proclaimed after 2pm (1400hrs), the College will remain closed the following day.

In the event that a Red Alert is proclaimed after 2pm (1400hrs) 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 2pm (1400hrs), the College 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 the ALL CLEAR is declared.