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### For all principals

### Main Points

- Due to fire activity across Victoria, smoke may be visible in many areas.
- Children, the elderly and those with existing heart or lung conditions, are advised to limit prolonged or heavy physical activity.

### Actions Required

- Principals are to monitor conditions via emergency information services.
- Principals are to take appropriate precautions for the health and wellbeing of staff and students, particularly those with heart and respiratory conditions.
- Principals to ensure that this occurs for students at school and on camp or excursions.

### Critical Dates

- N/A

### Additional Information

- Check EPA's air quality report at: [www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/monitoring-the-environment/air-quality-bulletins](http://www.epa.vic.gov.au/our-work/monitoring-the-environment/air-quality-bulletins)
- For further information about bushfire smoke and health go to: <http://www.health.vic.gov.au/environment/bushfires-smoke.htm>
- For fire information ring the Victorian Bushfire Information Line 1800 240 667 or visit the Country Fire Authority Victoria website at: [www.emergency.vic.gov.au](http://www.emergency.vic.gov.au)
- School approved camps and excursions must be entered into the Student Activity Locator (SAL) database at least three weeks prior to the activity at: [www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/school/sal](http://www.eduweb.vic.gov.au/forms/school/sal) (EduMail password required) (Refer to circular S036-2014)
- Anyone with concerns about their health should seek medical advice or call NURSE-ON-CALL on 1300 60 60 24.

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