Department of Education and Early Childhood Development



MEMORANDUM

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TO:

All SEVR Staff

FROM:

Kevin O'Rourke, Emergency Management Coordinator

DATE:

13 February 2014

SUBJECT:

Update on Fire and Smoke Impact

Summary

BUSHFIRE AND SMOKE UPDATE ON SCHOOLS AND EARLY CHILDHOOD CENTRES IN GIPPSLAND AND SEVR STAFF

The fires impacting our schools and early childhood centres are now having less of an impact, however road access and smoke are still a major factor in allowing all staff, students and children to attend their respective education facility.

Please find attached the latest community newsletter from the Bairnsdale ICC which provides relevant information for that area.

Staff should take the necessary precautions with their health given the amount of smoke that is surrounding many districts of Gippsland.

Employees wishing to contact the EAP (PPC Worldwide) please call 1300 361 008.

All staff should continue to monitor the CFA web site on <u>a daily basis</u> to determine any impact fires may have on travel destinations. http://www.cfa.vic.gov.au/

The following schools and early learning centre will be closed until 14 February inclusive:

- Goongerah/Tubbut P-8 school (both campuses)
- Goongerah ELC

The following Bus Routes are cancelled:

Bairnsdale

Woodglen Phelan – beginning route at 8.09am at Lindenow Hall Fernbank Carrison – beginning route at 8.10 at Walpa

Lindenow PS

Dargo – Lindenow Fernbank/Beverley Road – Lindenow Yarram SC Hiawatha – Yarram

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