



Mill Valley Ranch

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Bushfire Plan

Mill Valley Ranch has developed a bushfire plan, in consultation with relevant authorities, to ensure we are best able to respond to a bushfire incident in our area. We will monitor the declared fire risk, based on the Fire Danger Rating Index, as reported by government authorities, and we will also receive notification from authorities when the risk reaches or exceeds a level of **Extreme** fire danger.

In the case of a fire danger rating warning of **Catastrophic** (Code Red), we will close the site, and will contact parents/guardians/school (if relevant) to come and collect campers. We will also require all volunteer staff to vacate the property. If the risk is downgraded with sufficient time, we may proceed with camp as planned; however depending on weather conditions, Mill Valley Ranch may exercise the right to continue the closure of the site despite downgrading of the rating.

On days of **Extreme** fire danger, Mill Valley Ranch will continue to operate, but may modify the program to ensure the health and wellbeing of campers, staff and horses. We will continue to monitor nearby fire warnings.

If fire threatens the site, we will enact our evacuation procedures. If site evacuation is required, campers and staff will be taken by bus to Pakenham Baptist Church (1 Bentley Crt, Pakenham). Depending on the situation, parents/guardians may be asked to come and collect campers from the assembly point, or we will return to the site once given the all clear by authorities.

It is a requirement that all campers onsite have a parent/guardian who is contactable at all times, and that Mill Valley Ranch has up to date contact details for this designated person.