CYCLONE INFORMATION FOR PARENTS

This note is to remind parents of the school procedures which are to be adopted if a cyclone threatens our area.

Please retain this information sheet until the threat of a cyclone has passed.

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 will 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. 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.

Yellow Alert
If a Yellow Alert is declared during a school day, the following will occur:
Yellow alert prior to lunch – students can be picked up immediately from their classroom. The school will close at lunchtime. Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.

Yellow Alert after lunch – 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.

The above does not preclude immediate closure in extenuating circumstances and if deemed necessary by the Cyclone Committee.

Red Alert
School will remain shut 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 District 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 shut the following day 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.