

ST MARY STAR OF THE SEA CYCLONE ACTION PLAN

- ❖ Please refer to
FESA Cyclone Information for further clarification

AN APPROACHING CYCLONE

Cyclone Watch/Warning

Staff and students attend school as normal.

Blue Alert

The school remains open. A cyclone may produce gales (gusts exceeding 90km/h) within 48 hours.

Keep up to date with the development of the cyclone through radio on

- N.W Radio (frequency 666AM and 99.70FM)
- ABC Radio (frequency 846AM)

[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 the relevant Radio stations]

Or through Television and/or internet (www.bom.gov.au)

The closure advice will be repeated each morning and evening until the decision to reopen the school is made.

- Before your child goes to school, make specific arrangements to have him/her picked up from school should the Yellow Alert be declared during the school day.
- Ensure that your child knows what these arrangements are.
- ❖ All information and updated reports relating to warnings and school closures ARE ISSUED ON THE RADIO. Keep yourself informed. The school will also communicate warnings and updates via text messages and Facebook.

PLEASE DO NOT RING THE SCHOOL.

Yellow Alert

If a yellow alert is called during the school day, SCHOOL WILL CLOSE. Parents will receive an SMS message and Facebook notification from the school advising of the closure.

- If students catch the School Bus, Carnarvon Bus Charters will arrive to return students to their home. Please ensure you are waiting at the bus stop to collect your children.
- Parents must pick up their children from their classroom immediately if not on the bus.
- Students will not be sent home until instructions are received from parents.

Red Alert

School will remain shut during a Red Alert.

All community members are expected to remain indoors and stay tuned to the local radio broadcast until the Red Alert has been called off.

AFTER THE CYCLONE

It is a safety requirement that schools are not reopened until the school site has been inspected and declared safe. After the cyclone, information will be provided on the radio as to whether our school will open at the usual time. This information will remain current for the whole day. For example, if the school is declared closed at 6:30am it will not open at all during that day, even if conditions improve.

Every endeavour will be made to ensure schools are made safe and reopened as soon as possible.

Please keep yourselves informed via the radio, until a threat from the cyclone has passed.