



Term 1, 2018

NEW RESOURCES – North West Bushfire Patrol



In an effort to ensure DFES consider the geographical and cultural needs of our vast state, new primary school education resources have been developed for the North West region. Set to be released mid-February, these WA curriculum-linked resources have been written using the latest research in disaster resilience education. They are designed to address the issues of deliberate and suspicious fires and their impact on the environment.

This multimedia teaching resource, (which includes videos, photographs and illustrations) has been developed to enable students to work towards the following outcomes:

- Knowing how to identify safe and unsafe fire behaviour and unsafe fire times and risks
- Developing a range of skills to help them respond to bushfire when it occurs
- Developing personal behaviours and strategies for staying safe when there is a fire
- Understanding the impact of deliberate fires on communities and the environment
- Detecting key bushfire factors required to prepare for bushfire

To assist teachers in implementing this program into their classroom, a North West Bushfire Patrol teacher professional development session will be held in Broome on 16 February 2018.

Please visit the DFES [School Education website](#), mid-February to access this new and exciting teaching resource.

UPDATE – Education and Heritage Centre



The sound of excited students visiting the DFES Education and Heritage Centre has been replaced with the sounds of construction work for Term One.

Given the Centre has graced Murray Street for over 115 years, from time to time it needs important restoration work. DFES made the difficult decision to close the Centre for an extended period over summer and Term One to ensure the essential works can be completed. We are tentatively scheduled to reopen on the 6 March.

Our Education Officers are looking forward to Term Two when they will welcome students back for their popular programs, Emergency Helpers in the Community & Me (Pre-Primary to Year 2) and Home Fire Safety (Year 2 to Year 6).

We are now taking bookings for Term 2, so please get in touch soon to secure your preferred date.

JAFFA - Juvenile & Family Fire Awareness



Do you know a young person who has been involved in fire play?

The Juvenile & Family Fire Awareness (JAFFA) Program is a free fire safety education program for young people aged 6 to 16 years that have been involved in lighting fires. JAFFA assists young people to understand fire behaviour, fire safety and the legal implications of lighting fires and the consequences of burns.

Interested in referring a young person to JAFFA? Visit www.dfes.wa.gov.au/jaffa for further information and for a referral form, or phone 9395 9488.

FREE – 2018 Teacher Professional Development Dates

By attending one of our professional development sessions you will learn how to deliver:

- Disaster Resilience Education
- Home Fire Safety education
- Bushfire and Natural Hazard education
- You will also learn how DFES can support you in the classroom

Term 1

Broome: Friday 16 February
Bunbury: Tuesday 27 March
Margaret River: Wednesday 28 March
Manjimup: Thursday 29 March

Term 2

Albany: Tuesday 22 May
Esperance: Thursday 24 May

For more information or to RSVP, please email: educationandheritage@dfes.wa.gov.au

Contacts

For excursion bookings at DFES' Education and Heritage Centre phone: (08) 9395 9866

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