



Term 1 2019

Are you planning your HASS, Health or Science program for this year?



Did you know the Department of Fire & Emergency Services (DFES) has easy to download lesson plans for bushfire, cyclone, flood and structure fire? Find our classroom resources at dfes.wa.gov.au/schools.

Bushfire Patrol and *North West Bushfire Patrol* have lesson plans for PP-Year 3 and Years 4-6. Modules include teacher notes, images, activity sheets, links to website tools, extension and 'in your community' activities. Our *Natural Hazards* modules cover cyclone and flood and provide students with the tools they need to prepare for and respond to the cyclone season.

If this is your first time living and teaching in the North West, read through the *Natural Hazards* program to help improve your own understanding of this region's unique risks. You will find actions you need to take to keep safe and prepare yourself for cyclone and flood season. You can also access dfes.wa.gov.au/safetyinformation for more detailed information about these hazards.

Flood modules are suitable for all students living in Western Australia as flooding can occur anywhere, anytime of the year.

New Classroom Resources – Bushfire Patrol (PP-Year 3)

The first three modules for Pre-Primary to Year 3 are now available online at:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schooleducation/schools/Pages/preprimary.aspx#4>

The modules include:

1. How bushfires start (safe and unsafe fires; campfire dangers)
2. Matches are tools, not toys (small fires can become big fires very quickly)
3. Responding fire and seeking help (what is an emergency, 000)

Future modules cover:

4. What bushfires like (bushfire weather conditions, fire danger ratings)
5. Ready to leave (following a plan, emergency grab bag)



Have you booked your excursion to our Education and Heritage Centre?



Book one of our two ever-popular school excursions in 2019:

- *Emergency Helpers in the Community and Me!* (PP – Year 2)
- *Home Fire Safety* (Years 3-6: high school ESU and ESL students)

Our teacher-trained Education Officers provide a 1 ½ hour excursion with age-appropriate skills and knowledge on how to prevent, prepare for and respond to a fire and/or natural hazard emergency.

When you book an excursion, Paige and Peta will provide you with pre-and post-ideas/activities you can use in your classroom.

To book an excursion, email educationandheritage@dfes.wa.gov.au or call 6381 1113 or 6381 1112.

Going away for the March long weekend? Have a back-up plan!

The March long weekend is traditionally the last holiday of summer and families often go away to enjoy the warm weather. But things don't always go to plan. Sometimes it's a good idea to have a Plan B or even a Plan C.

Christmas plans for some families went astray when lightning sparked a bushfire west of Bremer Bay on 20 December 2018. Campsites between Bremer Bay and Pallinup River were closed. A **Watch and Act** alert was issued by DFES and campers were asked to leave. Roads in and out of the area were closed. A temporary evacuation centre was set up at the Jerramungup Recreation Centre. Lives and homes were threatened and over 10,000 hectares (ha) were burned. Thanks to the efforts of volunteer firefighters the **All Clear** was declared on 3 January 2019.

If families are planning a trip away for the Labour Day weekend (2-4 March), be prepared for the threat of bushfire. If you see smoke, call 000, stay alert and listen to your local ABC radio. Check the [Fire Danger Rating](#) before you go and keep up-to-date with emergency alerts and warnings.

Alerts and warnings can be found at emergency.wa.gov.au. Enjoy your long weekend and stay safe.



Do you know any young people who are playing with fire?

Our free Juvenile & Family Fire Awareness (JAFFA) Program is delivered in the family home by specially trained firefighters. JAFFA assists children in understanding fire behaviour, fire safety and the consequences of fire lighting, including legal implications. If you would like more information about JAFFA or would like to make a referral, please contact the Juvenile and Family Fire Awareness Coordinator on 9395 9488 or email jaffa@wa.gov.au.

Contacts

To book an excursion to the DFES Education and Heritage Centre, phone: (08) 9395 9866

For all other school enquires call: (08) 9395 9816

Email: educationandheritage@dfes.wa.gov.au

Website: <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/schooleducation/Pages/default.aspx>



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