

DEPARTMENT OF FIRE & EMERGENCY SERVICES



“Children and youth are agents of change and should be given the space and modalities to contribute to disaster risk reduction, in accordance with legislation, national practice and educational curricula.” (The Sendai Framework, 2015)

Saturdays at the Education and Heritage Centre

Early Morning Sensory-Friendly Access Sessions

On the first Saturday of the month, we host an early access session to support children with autism and their families to explore and enjoy the DFES Education & Heritage Centre.

Dates: Saturday 6 August, 3 September, 1 October, 5 November and 3 December.

Time: 9:00am – 10:00am

Cost: Free



Bookings are essential to keep session numbers at a comfortable level.

To book, please email:

educationandheritage@dfes.wa.gov.au

What you can expect

- Staff trained in disability awareness to welcome you.
- A friendly supportive environment with limited visitors who are there for the same reason as you.
- Lighting and sound levels adjusted (where possible) for a low sensory experience (these will return to normal levels from 10am).
- A designated quiet area for those needing to take a break.
- A sensory touch table with objects to handle.
- A Visual Story with details on what you can expect on your visit.

Firefighters spraying water on students at events

Important information for schools

DFES often receives requests from schools to have firefighters and fire trucks attend events for the purpose of jetting water on or hosing down participants during or at the end of these events.

Fire trucks are designed for operational and educational activities. Hosing down participants with water from fire trucks has potential health risks associated with the quality of the water held within the trucks. The water is not always drinkable, can lay stagnant in appliances and can contain chemicals used for firefighting purposes.

Schools are encouraged to engage in educational activities provided by their local fire brigade, such as the Year 3 Firefighter Incursion.

Year 3 Firefighter Incursions



This is a **free** incursion for **Year 3** students. Key messages include keeping safe around fire, matches are tools not toys and calling 000.

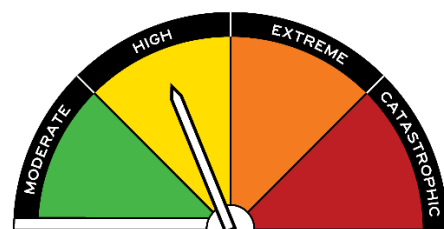
Click on this link to find your nearest Fire Station and book your incursion:

<https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/contactus>

Australian Fire Danger Rating System

The new Australian Fire Danger Rating System comes into effect on 1 September 2022.

Fire Danger Ratings provide you with important information so you can take action to protect yourself and others from the potentially dangerous impacts of bushfires.



FIRE DANGER RATINGS

MODERATE	PLAN AND PREPARE
HIGH	BE READY TO ACT
EXTREME	TAKE ACTION NOW
CATASTROPHIC	LEAVE BUSHFIRE RISK AREA



Excursions at the Education and Heritage Centre

Emergency Helpers in the Community and Me and Home Fire Safety

Are you looking for an interactive, informative, and inspiring excursion? Our **free, curriculum-linked programs** are delivered by qualified teachers, skilled in engaging students in the learning programs.

The programs offered at the Centre are tailored to suit the needs of individual groups.



The **Emergency Helpers in the Community and Me!** excursion teaches Pre-Primary to Year 2 children how they can keep themselves safe in a fire, flood, or storm emergency. They learn about emergency helpers, safety in the home and the importance of 000.



The **Home Fire Safety** program provides key home fire prevention messages, with a focus on preparing a Home Fire Escape Plan. This program is suitable for Year 2 to Year 6 and students at High School Educational Support Centres.



Excursions run on Tuesdays and Wednesdays. There are two sessions available:

10:15am to 11:45am and 12:30pm to 2:00pm

You can book online: <https://forms.digital.wa.gov.au/form/220128285736861>

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



Showcasing Regional Schools

Augusta Primary School

For the fourth year in a row, Year 6 students at Augusta Primary School are participating in an Exploring Emergency Services program. For the first session, students visited the Augusta Volunteer Fire and Rescue Service station.



Included in the program:

- Three sessions with Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- Three sessions with Marine Rescue
- Three sessions with St John Ambulance

Students had a tour of the station, learned about the types of emergencies that VFRS respond to, looked at equipment on the truck (and tried to lift the cutters and spreaders!), had a go on the hose and watched as the pump filled with water from a hydrant.



The program runs once a week for 10 weeks across the term



If your class or school is working on being bushfire ready or any other preparedness project and you would like to share your story and feature in our eNewsletter or if your school is interested in finding out more about this program:

Call 9395 9552 or email
penelope.tee@dfes.wa.gov.au



Pemberton District High School

Recently the Year 7 and 8 students at Pemberton District High School participated in an Exploring Emergency Services program.



Protective Clothing



Types of Extinguishers

Services involved in the program:

- Volunteer Fire and Rescue
- The Department of Fire and Emergency Services
- Marine Rescue
- State Emergency Services
- St John Ambulance
- Local Government
- Police
- Department of Biodiversity, Conservation and Attractions

The program is designed to include both practical and theory sessions and has been delivered to the school since 2019.



Marine Rescue



Search and Rescue



Summary of the Program



Tying Knots



Mulching for Fire Mitigation



Types of House Fires

This program receives excellent feedback from both school staff and students. Local volunteers and staff deliver the content and activities.

If you would like further information, please call 9395 9552 or email penelope.tee@dfes.wa.gov.au



DFES provides two bushfire programs for primary schools:

Bushfire Patrol: This resource was developed for students in Years 4 – 6, who live in the southwest land division of Western Australia. Bushfire Patrol aims to raise students' awareness of bushfire risk and develops a range of skills to help them prevent and respond to bushfires. You can find the Teacher Guide on our website <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/school-education/schools/years-three-to-six>

North West Bushfire Patrol: This program includes bushfire resources which aim to raise student awareness of bushfire risks and consequences, whilst developing a range of skills to help them prevent and respond to bushfires. This program is suitable for students in Years 4 - 6 in the northwest region of Western Australia. You can find the Teacher Guide on our website <https://www.dfes.wa.gov.au/school-education/schools/years-three-to-six>

Juvenile Fire Lighting

DFES offers a free, confidential fire safety program for young people (aged 6 to 16) who have been involved in fire lighting.



Our specially trained firefighters help young people understand fire behaviour, fire safety and the consequences of playing with fire. We accept referrals from schools and parents. For more information go to www.dfes.wa.gov.au/jaffa

Contact our Community Safety Education Officers

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To book a Home Fire Safety or Emergency Helpers in the Community and Me! excursion at the DFES Education and Heritage Centre,

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