

South Australian Country Fire Service

Shifting the paradigm: trialling student and school community led disaster risk reduction programs in South Australia

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Acknowledgement of Country

Nina marni, I acknowledge that I am hosting this meeting from the lands of the Kaura People, the Traditional Custodians of this land where I am.

I also acknowledge the Traditional Custodians of the various lands on which you all work today and the Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander people participating in this meeting.

I pay my respects to Elders past, present and emerging and celebrate the diversity of Aboriginal peoples and their ongoing cultures and connections to the lands and waters of our country.

Introduction

- Who is the South Australian Country Fire Service?
- What are our roles within the organisation

History of Education at SA CFS

- What have we done in the past to engage the child and youth sector?



Why Disaster Resilience Education?

- What informed our change?
- What was our response as an organisation to implement DRE?





Changing the Paradigm

- What do we see currently and why are we working towards changing the paradigm?
- Why the need for change?
- What have we done as a response?

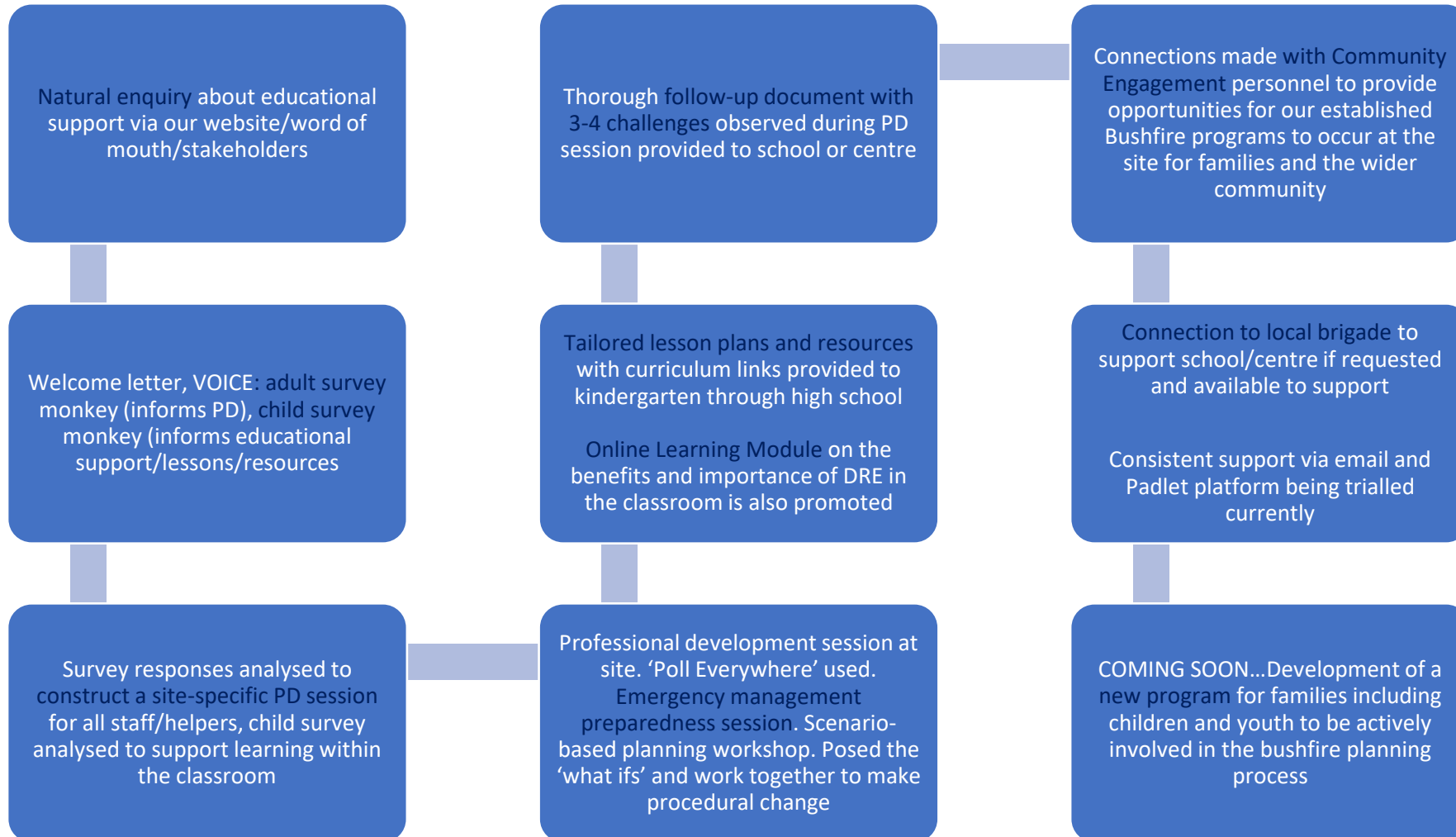


Program Overview

- New initiative we are trialing, set to launch next year
- Purpose
- Youth voice
- Informed by research
- Place-based model
- Holistic approach



Program Overview



Examples of child survey responses to ‘What do I want to know about bushfire?’ and ‘What do I want to know how to do, in regards to bushfires?’



GOING FURTHER

These questions have been designed to give children the opportunity to share their understandings, views, thoughts and ultimately youth voice. We encourage you to draw out as many responses as the children have and record these below, in order to guide the program ahead. There are no right and wrong responses and any notes taken will be beneficial. Please add additional paper if needed.

* Use the options below the question, if need be, to help prompt further thought and responses *

Question 1:

What do I want to know about bushfire?

(What about last season? What about what happened in KI or the Adelaide Hills? What about those that can help us? What might be difficult? What about at our school? What about at home? What about preparing for a fire? Etc.)

- How quick does it spread?
- How thick are firemen's suits?
- How high can the fires go?
- Why does it spread faster uphill?
- How long does it take to fully extinguish a big fire?
- What happens when you lose control of a fire?
- How many litres of water do planes pick up?
- How long can a fire go for?

Question 2:

What do I want to know how to do, in regards to bushfires?

(What about options at school? What about home? What might happen and why? What about feeling safe? What could you learn from school? What could you do at home? What could you learn from others? What would you do before next season? If you could do anything about bushfires, what would that be? How could you help? Etc.)

- Best possible action plan for Hills residents.
- How to protect ourselves from smoke inhalation.
- How to best prepare our homes.
- How can I help?
- What happens to us if we are stuck at school?
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Examples of adult survey responses to ‘What concerns you the most about bushfires?’

Screen name	Participant ID	What concerns you the most about bushfires?
Belinda w	100773	Safety of family friends and our school community
guest393	589300	Unpredictable
Emma	76642	It's unpredictability,My kids
Annon	383791	Getting to the kids
guest289	324461	Being separated from family
Sonia	454910	My family and the kids I teach
guest414	236022	Getting my children,My family
Amie TEA	828670	Family& friends
guest033	39424	Family and pets
Toni Burfc	758592	People on staff making last minute decisions and leaving not enough people at school. My personal responsibilities vs school
guest352	545308	The unpredictability of fires.
Anne Cart	881002	Conflict between needs of school and personal needs
Maureen	741984	Getting trapped
guest108	99292	conflict between school and personal needs,getting information to family
guest500	740380	Helping my class through the trauma of the bushfire
Flash	58249	Their speed
guest026	782109	My family, colleagues & friends welfare
Anon	286352	Enacting my own plan whole I'm at work,My pets,My children,Driving through the hills from where I work to where I live,Not always being aware of what's happening
guest623	922583	Being safe and knowing that the kids and my own family are safe.
guest700	468669	Evacuating safely
Anon	561907	My family's safety



Before the Professional
Development session

Other DRE initiatives involving the SACFS

Aside of the Bushfire Education program, we are/ have been engaged with :



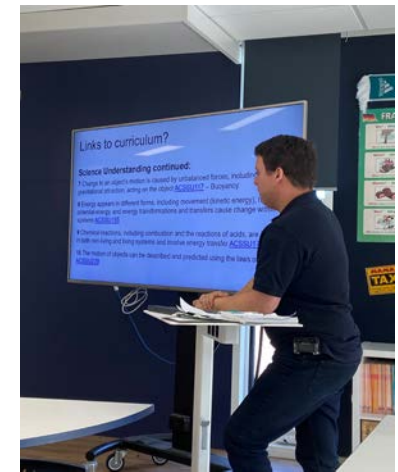
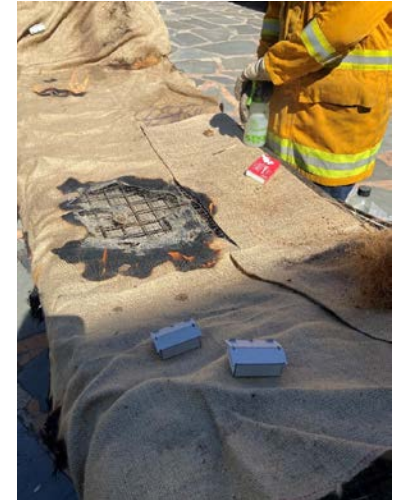
ABC's Behind the News and Ask a Reporter



Adelaide Hills Be You Bushfire Response Program recorded panel of experts for Adel Hills and KI



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Examples of paradigm change in action!



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Just to finish off.....

Historical Approach-

- Traditionally delivered by firefighters
- Visit schools and centres for a small stand-alone lesson and focus on many features of a fire truck
- Imposed program or activity surrounding topics such as 'Stop, Drop and Roll' and not revisited again for another year.



New Approach-

- Delivered by skilled and empowered educators who have been supported to become experts themselves
- Actively involve students by empowering youth voice to make a difference within DRE
- Inquiry-based, supports what child and youth believe is most important to them so they can actively contribute to decision-making
- Interactive, connective and bridging gaps
- Long lasting disaster resilience outcomes by providing knowledge, skills and attitudes to understand local hazards and disaster risks at a local level.



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