

# ***Northern Heights Fire Use Policy for Schools***

## Fire Use Policy

All fires must take place under the supervision of a responsible adult.

### Necessary equipment:

- Camp fire circle or secondary camp fire circle (**provided**)
- Water tank to put out fire when finished (**provided**)
- Chopped wood in campfire wood store or main wood store near car park (**provided**)
- Wheel barrows available to transport logs if necessary (**provided**)
- Ignition (matches, lighter, fire steel)
- Kindling and other smaller fire wood - this can be foraged from woodland floor as a preparation activity. You may wish to bring slow-burning flammable bricks to help start and establish your fire.

### Procedures:

1. The Warden will alert you to the Campfire circle location.
2. In the event there is more than one group on site that wishes to have a fire, times for fires should be negotiated between groups - this can be initiated by the Warden if necessary.
3. Fuel should not be used to establish the fire.
4. The fire must be confined to the designated camp fire circles.
5. Prior to lighting the fire all children must be alerted to the potential danger the fire poses and the behaviour required in the immediate location of the fire (ie no running or pushing)
6. Once the fire is lit the group leaders must be in control of the group.
7. You may wish to allow children to 'feed' the fire but this should be done in an ordered and controlled manner.
8. Any cooking over the fire must be safely demonstrated by the adults responsible first.
9. Do not leave the fire unattended. Use the blue water can present to douse the fire before leaving unless you have a pre-arrangement with another group coming to use the fire after you.