



Friday, 22 September 2023

## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear Parent/Carer,

I am writing to advise you of bushfire emergency arrangements for our school this bushfire season.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is listed as **Category 3** on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the department has determined that on days when NSW Rural Fire Service declares a **Catastrophic Fire Danger** Rating for our area, our school will operate as per usual.

In addition, other schools may be made non-operational due to changing higher risk conditions and advice from emergency services and the State Emergency Operations Centre.

We recommend that you stay up-to-date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the Hazards Near Me app (set a watch zone for your school area), and by monitoring local media. You can also review fire activity and alert levels on the RFS website.

The Fire Danger Rating does not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bushfire event. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

Our school will inform our school community if there is a change to the operational status of the school. To assist the school in contacting all families, please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date contact details.

Further information or up-to-date communication of school operations, can also be found through:

- Our school Facebook page or via our Compass Portal
- NSW Department of Education's School Safety website: [education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](https://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety)
- NSW School Updates app: [education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app](https://education.nsw.gov.au/parents-and-carers/nsw-school-updates-app), and
- Social media.

We recommend that all of our families follow the advice of the NSW Rural Fire Service and ensure that your family knows what to do if there is a fire.

It can take as little as five minutes to make your plan. Discuss it with your family so you know what you will do in the event of a fire. [www.myfireplan.com.au](https://www.myfireplan.com.au)

Please contact the school on 64951266 during school hours if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours Sincerely,

Janelle Hodsdon  
Relieving Principal