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## **EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE UPCOMING BUSHFIRE SEASON**

Dear Parents and Carers

I am writing to advise you that our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 2 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

As a community user of our facilities, it is important that you know what to do in an emergency and have a plan in place. This is a requirement of the *Work Health and Safety Act 2011*.

During the school term, when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating for Cumberland Fire Area, the NSW Department of Education's policy requires the school to temporarily cease operations for the following day. This means the school will be non-operational on these days. The school will inform the school community after 4 pm if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day.

In addition, 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 download the [Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school which will push notifications to you advising that the school is non-operational. We also 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.

It is important that you undertake appropriate planning and monitor bushfire conditions during the bushfire season and be ready to act when required.

The NSW Rural Fire Service website provides a range of useful information at:  
[www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au).

Further information can be found at the NSW Department of Education's School Safety website:  
[education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety](http://education.nsw.gov.au/public-schools/school-safety)

Yours sincerely

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