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2024/2025 Bushfire Emergency Arrangements

Dear parents and carers

I am writing to you to inform you of our emergency management arrangements for the upcoming bushfire danger period.

Our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 1 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

This means our school will be non-operational when the NSW Rural Fire Service declares catastrophic fire danger ratings for **the Blue Mountains District** or as directed by the NSW Department of Education in consultation with emergency services due to local bushfire activity or in higher risk conditions.

Fire danger ratings do not mean there will be a bushfire, but rather the weather conditions pose a high risk if a fire were to start in the area. The measure is proactive to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

We will inform the school community after 4 pm via the Schoolbytes App if there is a change to the operational status of the school for the following day. To assist us contacting all families in an emergency, please ensure you have updated your contact details with the school.

We recommend you download the [NSW Education Parent App](#) and select to monitor advice from our school, which will send you notifications if the school is non-operational. Up-to-date information is also available on our school website or [School operational status](#).

We also recommend you stay up to date with bushfire and grassfire activity by using the [Hazards Near Me app](#)[External link](#) (set a watch zone for your school area) and by monitoring local media.

To continue to support student learning on these days, our school will provide information for learning from home.

We recommend all our families follow the NSW Rural Fire Service advice and ensure your family knows what to do if there is a fire. Develop a fire plan and discuss it with your family using [MyFirePlan](#)[External link](#).

Please call our school on **0247 511 333** if you would like more information or have any questions.

Yours Faithfully

Mr Mehmet

Principal