



# HILLSIDE PUBLIC SCHOOL

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## EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear Parents/Carers

I am writing to advise you that our school is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as Category 1 on the NSW Department of Education's bushfire risk register.

As a community user of our facilities, it is important that you are aware of and implement appropriate emergency preparation and response planning in accordance with the requirements 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 **CATEGORY 1** 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.

Monitor advice from our school through the various communication channels which will advise you if our school is non-operational.

It is important that you undertake appropriate planning and monitor bushfire conditions during the bushfire season and be ready to act when required. If there is bushfire activity in the vicinity of the school while you are there, you should contact the school during school hours or if after hours, ring Triple Zero (000) and seek advice.

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

Kind Regards,

Mrs Neorcsik  
Principal