

Dear families,

As you are aware there is the possibility of a catastrophic bushfire alert tomorrow. With the bushfire season currently upon us it is important that all families are aware of our procedures should there be bushfires nearby. Our school has an updated Bushfire Emergency Management and Evacuation Plan with all staff trained in its operation.

In the event of a catastrophic bushfire alert tomorrow immediate communication and updates will be sent via Facebook, the school website and the school email system to inform parents.

The school will be conducting a Bushfire Shelter in Place Evacuation Drill today after lunch. All students are aware that this is a practise.

The school will be monitoring and liaising with the NSW RFS regularly throughout the week. It would be of tremendous assistance if families could please refrain from regularly calling the school as we need the phones to be free for communication with the NSW RFS.

In the event of a catastrophic bushfire alert while the students are at school the students will be safe sheltering in the School Hall until the fire/smoke emergency is over. Parents are asked not to attempt to pick up students in an emergency but are to act on the advice of the emergency services. It is also advisable that families familiarise themselves with the Rural Fire Service website and the Department of Education website for updates.

www.rfs.nsw.gov.au and <https://education.nsw.gov.au/publicschools/school-safety>

Finally, I thank you for your assistance with this extremely important matter. I reiterate that students and staff will be safe sheltering in our school hall.