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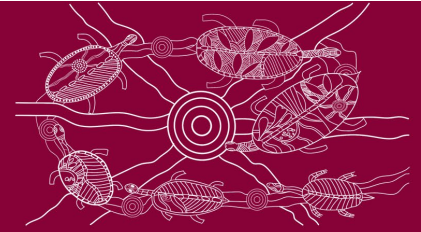
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EMERGENCY PLANNING AND ARRANGEMENTS DURING THE 2020-2021 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear parent/guardian,

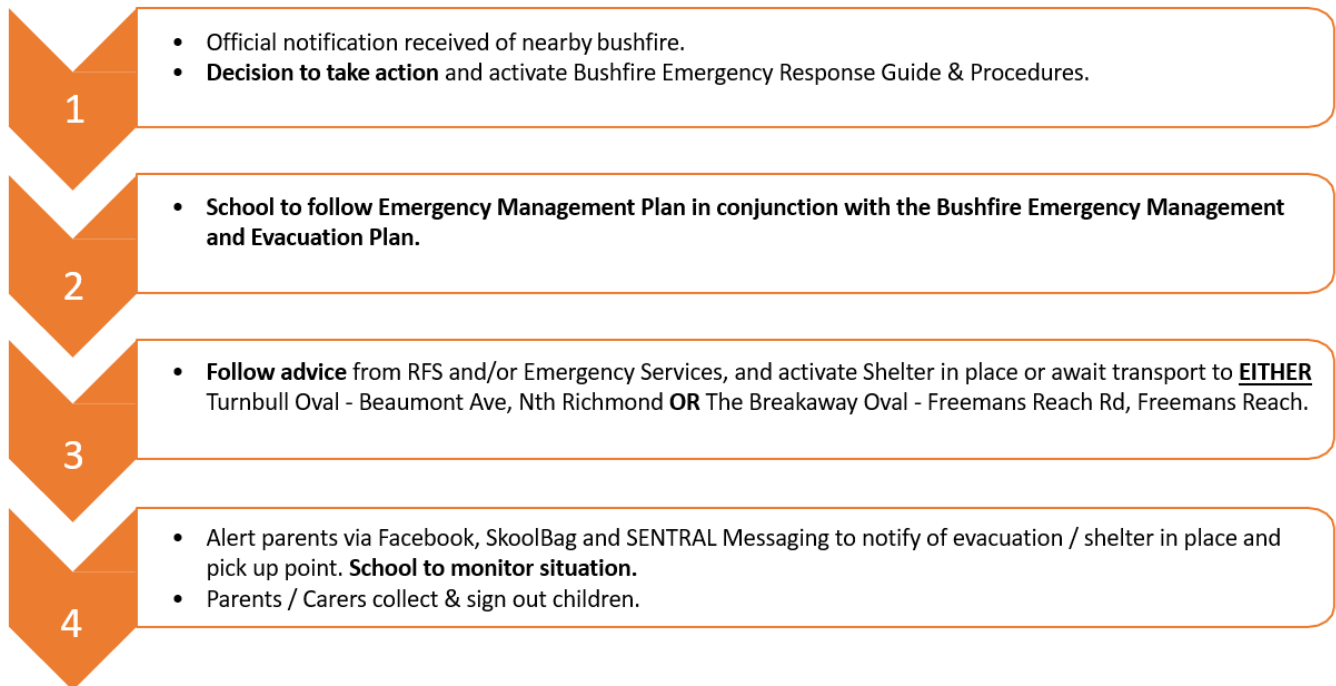
I am writing to advise you of arrangements for our school for the current bushfire season.

Hawkesbury High School is in a bushfire prone area and is identified as **Category 2** on the Department's bushfire register.

This rating and advice is based on information obtained through a bushfire assessment of our school. Bushfire ratings are proactive measures to ensure that students, staff and the community remain safe in weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bushfire.

As a Category 2 school, Hawkesbury High School will NOT temporarily cease operations on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area. This is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bushfire season, if at all.

However, it is important that you are aware of the school's emergency planning and response planning in the event of bushfires which may impact on the school. The following arrangements and response steps have been put in place:



To assist the school in contacting all parents please ensure that you have provided us with up-to-date home or after hours contact details. You can also check the school website and social media on days of extreme bushfire risk for up to date communications on school operations.



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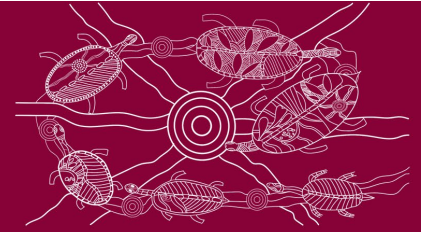
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More information on how the school is getting ready for the bushfire season can be found on the Department's website by following this link: <https://education.nsw.gov.au/news/latest-news/schools-get-ready-for-bushfire-season>

You may also get bushfire updates through the following numbers, apps and links:

- call the bushfire information line on 1800 679 737
- check the [NSW Rural Fire Service](#) External link website
- download the [Fires Near Me NSW](#) External link smartphone app.

For updates on the operational status of NSW public schools:

- download the [NSW School Updates](#) app
- check the [School safety](#) page.

Should you have any questions or concerns, please do not hesitate to contact the school on 4579 6800.

Regards,

Igor Maric

Principal