



## ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2020 - 2021 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear parent/carer,

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

Our school has been identified as Category 1 and in a bushfire prone area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, the NSW Department of Education has determined that on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations. This is based on information obtained through a bushfire assessment of our school arranged by the Department.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating does not mean there will be a catastrophic fire, but rather weather conditions that could pose a high risk for a bushfire. The rating is a proactive measure to ensure staff, students and the community remain safe.

This is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bushfire season, if at all. To ensure that we continue to support student learning on these days, I have put the following arrangements in place:

**Students will learn from home. Staff will either report to the nearest local school or work from home.**

The school will receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating on the day before the forecast is issued. 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 these days for up to date communications on school operations.

Please contact the school on 4441 6766 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Ruth Winfield, Accredited Lead Teacher  
Principal  
Vincentia High School