



Friday 15th September 2017

THE 2017-18 BUSHFIRE SEASON

Dear Parent/Carer

As you may be aware, the bushfire season for 2017 commenced on 1 September 2017. In preparation for the season, a bushfire assessment of our school has been undertaken by Catholic Education Diocese of Parramatta (CEDP). Our school has been identified as a school at increased risk if a bush fire were to break out on a day when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area.

To ensure the health, safety and welfare of students and staff, on days when a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is issued for our area, the school will temporarily cease operations for the day(s) the rating is current, and alternative arrangements will be put in place. The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued. You will be notified as soon as possible after the Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating notification is received.

A Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating is likely to occur on a very small number of days during the bushfire season, if at all. On days when the school is not operating due to a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating, there will be no staff on site. In such circumstances you will need to ensure that you put supervision arrangements in place for your child.

Such action is normally taken for one school day only unless there are exceptional circumstances, e.g. the school is temporarily unsafe for use. The school community will be advised of a return to normal operational services or alternative arrangements as soon as possible.

To assist me in contacting all parents and carers if a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating notification is received, please ensure that you have provided the school with up-to-date home or after hours contact details by email corpuschristi@parra.catholic.edu.au or by phoning the school office.

Up to date bush fire information will also be available to you on NSW RFS Fire Danger Rating website.

Thank you for your support in ensuring the safety of our students and staff.

Kindest regards,

Mrs Maree Tonnet
Acting Principal