

# FIRE DANGER RATINGS HAVE CHANGED

## KNOWING THE FIRE DANGER RATING MAY SAVE YOUR LIFE

Fire Danger Ratings are now simpler and easier to understand. By using the latest science and technology, they provide a more clear and accurate rating to save properties and lives.

The Fire Danger Ratings give you an indication of the consequences of a fire, if a fire was to start.

**The higher the rating is, the more dangerous the conditions will be.**



## WHAT YOU NEED TO KNOW

The Fire Danger Ratings have four levels, which are:

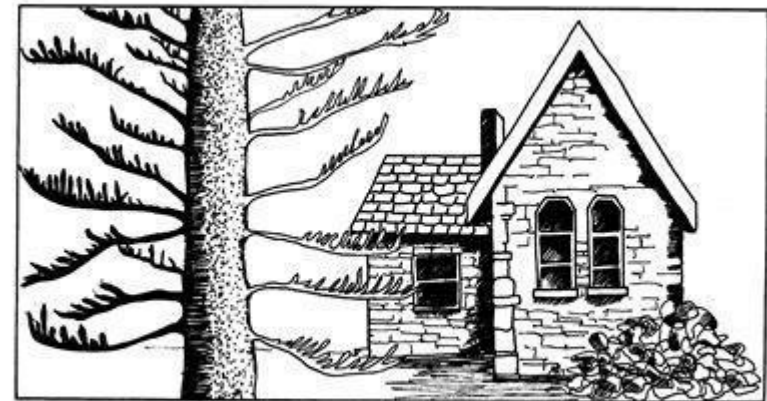
MODERATE	HIGH
<b>Plan and prepare.</b>	<b>Be ready to act.</b>
Most fires can be controlled.	Fires can be dangerous.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Stay up to date and be ready to act if there is a fire.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>There's a heightened risk. Be alert for fires in your area.</li> <li>Decide what you will do if a fire starts.</li> <li>If a fire starts, your life and property may be at risk. The safest option is to avoid bush fire risk areas.</li> </ul>
EXTREME	CATASTROPHIC
<b>Take action now to protect your life and property.</b>	<b>For your survival, leave bush fire risk areas.</b>
Fires will spread quickly and be extremely dangerous.	If a fire starts and takes hold, lives are likely to be lost.
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are dangerous fire conditions.</li> <li>Check your bush fire plan and that your property is fire ready.</li> <li>If a fire starts, take immediate action. If you and your property are not prepared to the highest level, go to a safer location well before the fire impacts.</li> <li>Reconsider travel through bush fire risk areas.</li> </ul>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>These are the most dangerous conditions for a fire.</li> <li>Your life may depend on the decisions you make, even before there is a fire.</li> <li>Stay safe by going to a safer location early in the morning or the night before.</li> <li>Homes cannot withstand fires in these conditions. You may not be able to leave and help may not be available.</li> </ul>
<p><b>NO RATING:</b> On days when there's minimal risk, the white bar meaning 'No Rating' will be used. Report any fires to 000.</p>	



NSW RURAL FIRE SERVICE



## Mount Keira Demonstration School



*Learning and Caring*

# GUIDE FOR PARENTS/CARERS

*for the 2024 – 2025 Bushfire Season.*

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## GUIDE FOR PARENTS to the 2024-2025 Bushfire Season

### What to do when:

#### A FIRE DANGER RATING OF CONCERN IS FORECAST.

##### A CATASTROPHIC FIRE DANGER is forecast for a school day.

##### DO NOT SEND YOUR CHILD TO SCHOOL.

- A catastrophic fire danger warning is not issued until 4:30pm on the day prior.
- School will temporarily cease operations.
- Monitor SkoolBytes portal, Class Dojo and the NSW School Updates app for information from the school regarding arrangements.

##### A SEVERE or EXTREME FIRE DANGER is forecast for a school day or when Mount Keira is smoke affected on a school day.

##### CHILDREN CAN COME TO SCHOOL.

- School will operate in a limited and high alert capacity (only indoor activities).
- Pack extra water bottles.
- Parents of children with asthma should consider keeping children at home.
- Parents to monitor Skoolbytes portal, Class Dojo and the NSW Education website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-operational-status> for information on changing situations from the school.

#### YOUR CHILD IS AT SCHOOL and...

- there is a fire in the Mount Keira area.
- or
- burning embers are falling in the Mount Keira area.

*In consultation with Emergency Services, the school will:*

##### **1. Lockdown**

- Children to be sheltered in the Learning Centre on the grounds of Mount Keira Demonstration School.
- Monitor Skoolbytes portal, Class Dojo and the NSW Education website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-operational-status> for information from the school.
- **DO NOT COME TO OUR SCHOOL TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD** until the school sends a message indicating it is safe to do so. Once you enter school grounds you must remain onsite and will also be placed into lockdown.
- **DO NOT RING OUR SCHOOL** as this engages vital phone lines.

##### **OR**

##### **2. Relocate**

- Children to be relocated by walking to the nearest bus stop where buses will provide transport to Edmund Rice College.
- Monitor SkoolBytes portal, Class Dojo and the NSW Education website <https://education.nsw.gov.au/schooling/school-operational-status> for information from the school.
- **DO NOT COME TO OUR SCHOOL TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD.** Collect your child after the relocation, from Edmund Rice College, when the school sends a message indicating it is the time to do so.
- **DO NOT RING OUR SCHOOL UNLESS URGENT** as this engages vital phone lines.

