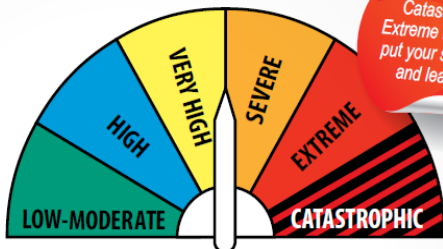


# Fire Danger Ratings

## WHAT DO THEY MEAN FOR YOU?

### Knowing what they mean could save your life

- ☐ If you live or travel through an area where a bush fire can start you need to know what the Fire Danger Rating is and what it means so you can make the safest decision.
- ☐ The Fire Danger Rating is the indication of the consequences of a bush fire if a bush fire was to start.
- ☐ The higher the Fire Danger Rating the more dangerous the conditions and the more likely that people will be injured or die if a bush fire occurs.
- ☐ When the Fire Danger Rating is Extreme or Catastrophic for your area, any fires that start will be extremely hard for fire authorities to control. Even a well prepared, well constructed and actively defended home may not survive.
- ☐ If Catastrophic conditions are expected the best option is to leave early the day or hours before a fire threatens.
- ☐ Keep informed - check the Fire Danger Rating for your area at [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)
- ☐ PREPARE your Bush Fire Survival Plan today. Know your trigger points and download a plan from [www.rfs.nsw.gov.au](http://www.rfs.nsw.gov.au)



On days of  
Catastrophic or  
Extreme Fire Danger  
put your survival first  
and leave early.

FIRE DANGER RATING	WHAT YOU SHOULD DO
CATASTROPHIC	For your survival, leaving early is the only option. Leave bush fire prone areas the night before or early in the day – do not just wait and see what happens. Make a decision about when you will leave, where you will go, how you will get there and when you will return. Homes are not designed to withstand fires in catastrophic conditions so you should leave early.
EXTREME	Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. If you are not prepared to the highest level, leave early in the day. Only consider staying if you are prepared to the highest level – such as your home is specially designed, constructed or modified, and situated to withstand a fire, you are well prepared and can actively defend it if a fire starts.
SEVERE	Leaving early is the safest option for your survival. Well prepared homes that are actively defended can provide safety – but only stay if you are physically and mentally prepared to defend in these conditions. If you're not prepared, leave early in the day.
VERY HIGH	Review your Bush Fire Survival Plan with your family. Keep yourself informed and monitor conditions. Be ready to act if necessary.
HIGH	
LOW MODERATE	



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## Mount Keira Demonstration School



## Learning and Caring

# GUIDE FOR PARENTS

*for the 2019 – 2020 Bushfire Season.*

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## GUIDE FOR PARENTS to the 2019-2020 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 “Skoolbag”, Class Dojo and school website 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 “Skoolbag”, Class Dojo and school website 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. Relocate**

- Children to be relocated by bus to Wollongong West Public School.
- Monitor “Skoolbag”, Class Dojo and school website for information from the school.
- Please, **DO NOT COME TO OUR SCHOOL TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD.** Collect your child after the relocation, from Wollongong West Public School when the school sends a message indicating it is the time to do so.
- Please, **DO NOT RING OUR SCHOOL UNLESS URGENT**, as this engages vital phone lines.

**or**

##### **2. Lockdown**

- Children to be sheltered in the Learning Centre on the grounds of Mount Keira Demonstration School.
- Monitor “Skoolbag”, Class Dojo and the school website for information from the school.
- Please, **DO NOT COME TO OUR SCHOOL TO COLLECT YOUR CHILD**, until the school sends a message indicating it is safe to do so.
- Please, **DO NOT RING OUR SCHOOL**, as this engages vital phone lines.

