**ARRANGEMENTS FOR THE 2019-20 BUSH FIRE SEASON**

**Bushfire Emergency contact details required**

Wirreanda PS is 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, 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 for the day**(s) the rating is current. This is based on information obtained through a bush fire assessment of our school arranged by the department.

The school will only receive notification of a Catastrophic Fire Danger Rating after school hours the day before the forecast is issued.

**In the event of a school closure or in the event of an emerging bushfire situation notices will be sent via:**

* Schoolzine App, Schoolzine email and Facebook.
* Sentral text messaging will also be used to text each family.

**Up-to-date contact details**, **including local emergency contacts are required to contact you in these situations.**

In the event you are not able to be contacted and wish for your emergency contacts to collect your child(ren) from school the form must be returned.

**Please complete the attached Bushfire Emergency contact details form (sent each year) and return as a matter of priority. Forms are due Friday 16 August 2019.**

**Forms received by the due date go into a draw for a $100 Hoyts Gift Card.**

Thank you for your prompt response to this matter. Please contact the school on 4982 8893 if you would like any further information about this matter.

Yours sincerely

Philippa Young

Principal

14 August 2019