# FREELING PRIMARY SCHOOL BUSHFIRE ACTION PLAN SUMMARY

## Information for Families

It is important that families are prepared and informed during a bushfire emergency. Please ensure your contact details are up to date and follow our Facebook page, as Facebook, SMS and email will be our primary communication channels.

Although Freeling is not classified as a high bushfire risk area, events such as the Pinery and Sampson Flat fires highlight the importance of having clear procedures in place to support the safety of students and staff.

In the event of a bushfire, we will follow the advice and direction of emergency services. **The school will only evacuate if specifically directed to do so by emergency services.**

**If there is an active fire incident in the area, students will only be released to a parent or nominated emergency contact and will not be permitted to leave independently at the end of the day.**

### Important Information for Families

- If a High-Level Alert occurs parents are **not required** to collect students. Staff will continue to care for students until they can be collected safely.
- If a High-Level Alert occurs students are **not permitted to walk home** during a High-Level Alert and must be collected by a parent or nominated emergency contact.
- Students must be **signed out through the Front Office** before being collected from class.
- If another person is collecting your child(ren) on your behalf, please contact the school to advise their name. All students must be signed out through the Front Office. The school maintains a duty of care until students have been signed out and accounted for.
- If any students remain uncollected at the end of the day, families will be contacted as soon as possible. Please note that this may occur after staff have ensured all remaining students have been accounted for and safely supervised.
- We will provide updates to families through Facebook, SMS and email throughout an emergency situation.

### During a Bushfire Event

- Students will ensure their drink bottles are filled in preparation for any disruption to the town water supply.
- Normal routines will continue for as long as it is safe to do so.
- If air quality is impacted, all outdoor activities will cease.
- In the event of significant local risk, staff and students will assemble in the Administration Building and, if required, relocate to the stone building.

**Please do not come to the school unless it is safe to do so and emergency services have not advised otherwise.** This helps ensure access routes remain clear and allows staff to focus on student safety.