



Bushfire Management

Source of Obligation	The Victorian Registration Standards (sch 4 cl 12) require that we must ensure that the care, safety and welfare of students is in accordance with any applicable State and Commonwealth laws, and that staff are advised of their obligations under those laws. The Guidelines (4.4) also require that the Bairnsdale Christian College complies with the <u>VRQA Guidelines for Registered Schools on Bushfire Preparedness</u> .
Bushfire At-Risk School	Schools listed on the <u>Bushfire At-Risk Register</u> have additional obligations under the VRQA Guidelines. Bairnsdale Christian College is not listed on the Bushfire At-Risk Register.

Managing Ignitable Materials	<p>Materials that may easily be ignited around our buildings and facilities must be regularly managed.</p> <p>It is our policy that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• we maintain a schedule for monitoring and removing of materials that may easily be ignited (including branches overhanging buildings, debris and rubbish around and under buildings, including gutters, and dry grass and vegetation)• flammable materials are stored in accordance with our <u>Hazardous Substances</u> policy• we complete a Bushfire and Emergency Management Strategic Engineering Risk Assessment (SERA).
Emergency Access	<p>We must ensure that emergency access to our buildings and grounds is maintained at all times and regularly monitored.</p> <p>It is our policy that:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• building exits are continuously kept clear of obstructions• assembly points are designated and have appropriate access to emergency equipment• there is access to facilities and grounds for emergency vehicles.

Emergency Management Plan	<p>In accordance with section 2.1 of the VRQA Guidelines on Bushfire Preparedness, the Bairnsdale Christian College maintains an Emergency Management Plan (EMP) that includes policies and procedures for the planning and approval of off-site activities which consider the risk of bushfire in the activity location.</p> <p>The Bairnsdale Christian College’s EMP is reviewed annually, and immediately after any significant incident.</p>
Implementation	<p>The Principal is responsible for the effective implementation of this Policy.</p>