

## 7 Emergency Bushfire Management

- A schedule for monitoring and removal of materials that may be easily ignited including branches overhanging buildings, debris and rubbish around and under buildings, including gutters, and dry grass and vegetation.
- Procedures to ensure the safe storage of flammable materials.
- A schedule for regularly monitoring emergency access to buildings and grounds.
- Evidence that:
  - the building exits will continuously be 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.

### 3.8 Emergency bushfire management (for BARR schools only)

The school is compliant with all relevant Guidelines (2.2 to 2.9). Please refer to the [VRQA Guidelines for Bushfire Preparedness - Registered Schools](#), including:

- **2.2** an Emergency Management Plan that details the school's response to managing bushfire risk
- **2.3** the school informs students, staff and parents/guardians about their specific bushfire preparedness arrangements and train relevant staff in their bushfire preparedness roles
- **2.4** the school maintains a register updated at least once per school term during the October–April bushfire season of bushfire emergency equipment and ensures it is in working order
- **2.5** the school maintains notices of bushfire evacuation procedures and bushfire emergency contact numbers and locates them appropriately around the school
- **2.6** the school regularly manages materials that may easily be ignited around buildings and facilities
- **2.7** the school regularly monitors emergency access to buildings and grounds
- **2.8** the school consults local agencies, where relevant, (the Country Fire Authority, Metropolitan Fire and Emergency Services Board, local Council) on their bushfire preparedness and compliance with local bushfire regulation of buildings, facilities and grounds
- **2.9** a school with an on-site 'shelter in place' must consult with the relevant agency on the building's compliance with relevant regulations.
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