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**Media Release**  
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## **Wollangarra Vehicle Accident**

A troop carrier carrying nine students plus the driver went over an embankment this afternoon in the Victorian High Country.

One student has been air lifted to the Royal Children's Hospital in Melbourne. The other eight plus the driver have been taken to Traralgon Hospital as a precautionary measure.

All families have been contacted directly.

Wollangarra has a comprehensive Emergency Management Plan which was activated immediately when emergency services were contacted by trunk radio phone (similar to a satellite phone). Staff have extensive training in relation to a wide range of areas, including 4 wheel drive training, wilderness first aid and emergency management.

The emergency procedures have been implemented before in the 2005 Gippsland Fires and the 2006 Gippsland Flood.

Wollangarra is continuing to work closely with all relevant emergency services.

The vehicle involved was one of three which were transporting a group of high school students from the Wollangarra homestead to the High Country, north of Licola. The other two vehicles were not involved in the incident.

This is the first incident of its kind in Wollangarra's 20 year history.

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### **NOTES TO EDITORS**

Wollangarra is a non-profit organisation that promotes practical conservation through remote outdoor experiences. It is located on a remote river flat near the town of Licola in the foothills of the Victorian Alps.