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Collision with an object	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to participant due to colliding with an object. **Causes:** Capsizing and hitting head on object. Hit by paddle. Boat falling from trailer. Hitting submerged objects.	➢ Participants to wear appropriate safety equipment. ➢ Participant instructed not to dive at any time or jump into water of unknown depth. ➢ All equipment used as per manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. ➢ Participants are instructed in the safe handling of equipment. ➢ Staff assess water conditions and identify any relevant hazards.							
Fall	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to falling **Causes:** Wet and slippery rock Games during activity	➢ Participants to wear appropriate safety equipment ➢ Participants to wear appropriate footwear ➢ Games and skill development exercises to be appropriate to the participants competency level. ➢ Brief participants about not standing up in moving water							

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Manual Handling	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to moving and lifting heavy equipment. **Causes:** Poor lifting technique. Item is too heavy or awkward.	➢ A staff member will provide instructions and supervise carrying of heavy objects to/from/around water. ➢ Ensure that lifting is done correctly as per manual handling procedures. ➢ All trailers to have jockey wheels fitted							
Slips & Trips	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to slips and trips. **Causes:** Slippery/wet surfaces. Poor foot placement**.**	➢ Briefing to include appropriate movement around waterways. ➢ Wear appropriate footwear at all times. ➢ Participants instructed not to dive or jump into water of unknown depth.							
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to participants due to weather conditions **Causes:** Inappropriate PPE Exposure to cold Exposure to sun & heat Hit by lightening High winds	➢ Monitor weather and warnings during program. ➢ Use pre planned sheltered waterways in stormy conditions and avoid open crossings. ➢ Participants to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Limit immersion in water. ➢ Participants taught							

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		appropriate rescue procedures. ➢ Cancel/modify activity pending weather and/or water conditions.							
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury due to water environment. **Causes:** Entrapment Capsize Submerged underwater Long exposure in water Poor swimming ability	➢ Participant to wear appropriate clothing. ➢ Participants to wear appropriate safety equipment ➢ Participants briefed about moving in water environment. ➢ Entrapment hazards are identified. ➢ Participants briefed on white water safety position- as appropriate. ➢ Staff have access to all student swimming information.							
Separation	Students are separated from the main group while on the lake.	• Lake Narracan is a safe enclosed waterway. • Route outlined using visual land marks prior to setting off. • Weather conditions monitored and assessed regularly • Define boundaries established through visual landmarks.	Rare	Minor	**Low**				

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		• A motorised water craft supports every canoe session and monitors student welfare and progress.							
Collision/Impact	Hand/finger caught between two canoes Collision involving trees Collision with submerged objects Impact with submerged object during capsize Impact by other canoe or paddle	• First aid kits are carried to all sessions. • Mobile phones are carried by all permanent staff. • Paddles must be carried vertically. • No deliberate collisions • In the event of an un-avoidable collision ensure all body parts remain inside the canoe.	Possible	Moderate	**Medium**				
Capsize	A canoe is overturned and the occupants fall into the water.	• Emergency procedures are clearly discussed prior to each session. • All Students wear correctly fitted PFD's (type 2). • Students are instructed not to stand in canoes and to keep centre of gravity low • A motorised water craft supports all canoe sessions. • Staff are equipped with walkie	Minor	Possible	**Medium**	Monitor			

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		talkies to enable immediate lines of communication • Weather conditions are regularly monitored							
Anaphylactic Episode	A student suffers an anaphylactic episode due to insect bite or ingestion.	• Woorabinda staff always carries a mobile phone and first aid kit to every canoeing lesson. • Woorabinda staff hold a Level 2 First Aid qualification. • Walkie Talkies are carried by permanent staff & 1 VT. • All identified anaphylactics carry Epi Pen • A motorised craft supports all canoe sessions • Avoid areas known for bees, wasps and ants.	Severe	Rare	Medium	Monitor			
Environmental	Severe weather conditions Prolonged exposure to sun.	• Weather conditions monitored continuously throughout all canoe sessions. • Sessions will be cancelled in the event of a lightening event • Access to water available in all canoe sessions • Sunscreen to be applied before and during sessions exposed to sun. • Hats provided to provide protection from the sun	Moderate	Possible	**Medium**	Monitor			

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	Bites and Stings	• Avoid areas known to house wasps, bees, ants and snakes.							
Stress and Strain	Lifting and moving canoes into and out of the water	• Children work in groups of at 4 to move canoes. • Demonstrate correct lifting technique prior to moving canoes. • All lifting and carrying supervised by staff	Minor	Unlikely	**Low**	Monitor			