

Bushwalking

1. Hazard Classification	2. Description of Risk	3. Current Risk Control/s Measures Implemented at our School	4. Risk Rating			5. Further Control/s to be Implemented Measures to be taken by our school to eliminate or reduce impact of the risk	6. Revised Risk Rating After implementing Treatments		
			Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Level		Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Level
Falling Object	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to a falling object</p> <p>Causes: Tree Fall Branch Fall</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Assess route plans for potential hazards and modify if appropriate. 							
Manual Handling	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to moving and lifting equipment</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Teach an appropriate method for lifting objects. 							
Slips and Trip	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to slips and trips</p> <p>Causes: Terrain</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitor participant welfare and modify or cease activity accordingly ➤ brief students about walking in steep slippery or rough terrain. ➤ Ensure students wear suitable footwear 							

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Terrain suitable to the experience of participants 						
Environment	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to the environment</p> <p>Causes: Incorrect navigation Skill level of participant Poisonous bite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff to be familiar with the areas in which bushwalk is undertaken. ➤ Staff to carry effective communication equipment ➤ Ensure participants have a thorough understanding on group management and lost procedure ➤ Ensure effective communication between staff members at the front and back of the group ➤ Ensure staff monitor numbers and assist participants at all times ➤ Participants briefed to be aware of snakes and spiders, especially in summer 						

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Environment	Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to the catering environment Causes: Poor personal hygiene Food not cooked correctly	Students briefed on camping hygiene procedures. <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Instruction of safe toilet practice and collection of drinking water. ➤ Students to wash hands with sanitiser before meals and after the toilet. 							
Environment	Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to weather event/conditions Causes: Exposure to cold and wet conditions Exposure to hot and windy conditions Hit by lightening Bushfire Flooding/rising water Poor visibility	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitor weather and warnings prior to and during activity ➤ Develop alternative route, escape routes and shelter location ➤ Staff trained and aware of Emergency Response Plan in the event of an bushfire and/or severe weather event ➤ Staff to ensure participants are dressed appropriately for hot/cold weather conditions ➤ Staff will encourage students to wear sunscreen and hat during high UV periods 							

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Weather protocols are followed ➤ Staff to ensure participants are adequately hydrated and carry water ➤ Staff to assess depth, speed, downstream and upstream hazards prior to river crossing 							
Environment	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to bites and stings</p> <p>Causes: Animals and insects</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Monitor campsites for particular animals. ➤ Carry appropriate first aid. ➤ Appropriate communication devices carried and used as per protocols. 							
Environment	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury due to fires and cooking equipment.</p> <p>Causes: Incorrect use of cooking equipment Inappropriate behaviour whilst using cooking equipment Lack of skill and knowledge when lighting fires</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ➤ Staff to give clear instructions on how to light a fire ➤ Staff to outline appropriate behaviour when around fires ➤ Staff to monitor participant behaviour and use of cooking equipment 							

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	Fuel spills							
Environment	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to the environment</p> <p>Causes: Incorrect navigation Skill level of participant Poisonous bite</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Staff to be familiar with all areas in which bushwalking is undertaken. • Participants taught appropriate navigation and provided with adequate resources • All program staff carry effective communication equipment (mobile phones) • Ensure students have a thorough understanding on group management and lost procedure • Walkie/talkies ensure effective communication between staff members at the front and back of the group • Ensure staff monitor numbers and assist students at all times • Participants briefed to be aware of snakes and spiders, especially in summer 	Moderate	Unlikely	Medium			

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<p>Weather Event</p>	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to weather event/conditions</p> <p>Causes: Exposure to cold and wet conditions Exposure to hot and windy conditions Hit by lightening Bushfire Flooding/rising water Poor visibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor weather and warnings prior to and during activity • Develop alternative route, escape routes and safe shelter location • Staff trained and aware of Emergency Response Plan in the event of a bushfire and/or severe weather event • Staff to ensure participants are dressed appropriately for hot/cold weather conditions • students to wear sunscreen and hat during 1st and 4th term as well as any other high UV periods • Staff will ensure participants do not walk in areas when FDI is Extreme or Severe, or on days where the FDI is High and high winds prevail • Staff to ensure participants are adequate hydrated and carry water • Staff to assess depth, speed, downstream and upstream hazards prior to river crossing 	<p>Severe</p>	<p>Rare</p>	<p>Medium</p>				
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Falling Object	Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to a falling object Causes: Tree Fall Branch Fall	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure tents and campsite are set up clear of potential tree falls • Consider the tree environment when selecting campsite/s 	Major	Rare	Medium				
Manual Handling	Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to moving and lifting equipment Causes: Lifting backpacks Loading and unloading equipment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Ensure proper fitting and adjustment of backpacks. • Teach appropriate method to put on and take off backpack • Ensure backpack weight is appropriate to size/age/experience • Ensure backpack is correctly packed 	Minor	Unlikely	Low				

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<p>Fall</p>	<p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to falling</p> <p>Causes: Fatigue Trip and slip Terrain Poor Visibility</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor participant welfare and modify or cease activity accordingly • Staff to brief students about walking in steep slippery or rough terrain. • Ensure students have suitable footwear • Pack correctly packed and fitted. • Terrain suitable to the experience of participants 	<p>Moderate</p>	<p>Possible</p>	<p>Medium</p>				
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