

NWOOSH Vacation Care

Excursion Risk Assessment

Excursion Details			
Dates of excursions	23rd January 2020	Excursion destination: EcoXplore	Building 20 North Fort Road, Manly 2095
Departure and Arrival Times	Leave Approx 9:00am to arrive at Manly 10am. Leave 1:30pm for a 2:30-3pm Return.		
Proposed Activities	Morning Tea, Walk, Bush Activities, Lunch	Water Hazards?	Yes/ No If yes, detail in risk assessment below
Method of transport, including proposed route	Private Bus (route is detailed in map below)		
Name of RPD	TBD	Contact Number of RPD	02 9484 4412
Number of children attending excursion	Estimated: 30 Actual:	Number of educators/parents/volunteers	Estimated: 3 Actual:
Educator to child ratio, including whether this excursion warrants a higher ratio? Please provide details.	1:10 Ratio as per normal excursion ratio- no higher staffing requirements needed.		
Educators on excursion (Names):	Educator Training:	Educators Contact Details (to be completed on staff copy of RA only):	Educators to Sign once they have read & understood the Risk Management Plan:
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Plan Prepared By:	Benjamin Caswell	Date Prepared:	14th November 2019
Additional Venue Information:	Yes-attached/ No		
Reminder: Monitor the effectiveness of controls and change if necessary. Review the risk assessment if an incident or signifcant change occurs.			

Excursion Checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/> 1 First Aid Kit per group incl tissues, plastic bags, instant ice pack, sick bags	<input type="checkbox"/> Centre Phone on divert to RPD mobile
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll of Children attending excursion and contact numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> Excursion T Shirts for each child and Educators to wear uniform and badge
<input type="checkbox"/> List of Medical information for each child attending excursion	<input type="checkbox"/> Medication and Action Plans for each child with a Medical Condition
<input type="checkbox"/> Camera	<input type="checkbox"/> All children checked for food applicable (nut free), full water bottle and hat
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone with Battery	<input type="checkbox"/> walkie talkies or mobile phone (1 per educator)
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/> List of Educators attending excursion & contact details
<input type="checkbox"/> Other items: water, backpack	<input type="checkbox"/> Medication Form

Activity	Hazard identified	Risk assessment	Elimination/control measures	Who	When	Residual Risk Rating
Walking to and from Venue - multiple Educators on excursion	Being injured by traffic while crossing road or walking	Extreme	Staff: child ratio will be a minimum of 1 adult to 10 children. Children will walk in pairs on the left hand side of the footpath.	Educators and children	Children will be advised of instructions prior to excursion. Educators will position themselves at the beginning of the line, the end of the line and evenly down the middle of the line for the walk to the venue. Educators will remain in this format for entire walk from leaving the centre to the venue and on the return trip.	Moderate
			The educators will position themselves on the road side when walking to and from the venue to keep the children safe.	Educators		
			The lead Educator will cross to the middle of the side street prior to children beginning to cross the road. The Educator in the middle of the group will take over from the lead Educator in the middle of the road as the children cross, allowing the lead Educator to continue with the front of the group. The last Educator will cross at the end of the group, ensuring no children are crossing the road behind them. This formation will allow the educators to block oncoming traffic turning into, or out of, the side streets.	Educators		
			Children will be reminded prior to the excursion to cross only when advised by Educators.	Educators		
Walking to and from Venue	Tripping while walking up steps / escalators.	Moderate	Children will be reminded prior to and whilst on the excursion to take the trip up and down any steps slowly and to wait for those in front of them, staying to the left.	Educators and children	During briefing prior to excursion and whilst on the excursion.	Low

General	Lost Child	Extreme	<p>All children will wear excursion T-Shirts whilst on the excursion which have the Centre's name and phone number.</p> <p>Educators to wear service uniform and their name tags at all times</p> <p>Educators will conduct roll calls and headcounts at all stopping points and before and after leaving areas / venues.</p>	<p>Educators to organise T-Shirts</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>Shirts to be worn by each child before departing the OOSH building. Before departure</p> <p>Prior to departing, arrival at the venue, before lunchtime, prior to leaving the venue and on return to the centre. Regular headcounts will also be conducted throughout the day.</p>	Moderate
General	Sun Burn, Heatstroke, dehydration, Extreme hot weather etc.	Extreme	<p>UV rating will be checked prior to excursion commencing. Children will be required to employ sun safe practices consistent with UV rating, as is required in centre</p> <p>Children and staff will be expected to wear hats at all times when outdoors. Children will put their hats on before leaving the OOSH building. Children without a hat will be given one from the Centre.</p>	<p>Educators and children</p> <p>Children and Educators</p>	<p>Prior to leaving Centre / as part of daily WHS check</p> <p>Before departure and reminders throughout the day.</p>	Low

			<p>Children will be checked for drink bottles and asked to ensure all are filled prior to the excursion. Any child without water will be given a sealed pre-purchased water bottle by staff before commencement of excursion. Children will be given regular drink breaks throughout the day to ensure they remain hydrated.</p> <p>Sunscreen will be applied to each child, where permission has been given & UV 3 or above.</p>	<p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>Prior to leaving the Centre</p> <p>Before leaving the service. To be reapplied every two hours throughout the day.</p>	
General	Wet Weather	Moderate	<p>Children will be reminded to bring their wet weather gear on the excursion. Where possible, the centre will provide wet weather gear, such as umbrellas. When there is wet weather, Educators will direct children to use their wet weather for any outdoor time on the excursion</p> <p>Parents will be reminded to pack wet weather gear before excursions.</p>	<p>Children, directed by educators</p> <p>Educators and Parents</p>	<p>During briefing, prior to excursion, and whilst on excursion</p> <p>Prior to excursion.</p>	<p>Low</p> <p>Low</p>
Outdoor Play	Outdoor Play	Extreme	<p>Educators will ensure shaded play areas and / or indoor alternatives are available to children if UV climbs.</p>	<p>Children directed by Educators.</p>	<p>This will be planned prior to leaving the service, when UV rating is reviewed during WHS check</p>	<p>Low</p>
General	Toilet Supervision	Moderate	<p>Staff are to inspect toilets before use, to check if safe and all-clear before children use them. Children will be notified of the location of the toilets before activity commences. Staff will ensure children go together minimum as pairs and where</p>	<p>Children and Educators</p>	<p>On arrival at the venue and then throughout the day before group use by children.</p>	<p>Low</p>

			regional minimum as pairs, and more practical, in groups of 3. All bathrooms have basic hygiene equipment. (Soaps, Water) and Ability to dry hands (Hand Dryer/Paper Towels)			
General- multiple Educators on Excursion	Serious injuries to a child	Moderate	Where a child has a serious injury, one staff member will render first aid, whilst the others move the other children away and ensure adequate supervision. Where an ambulance is required to be called, the staff member will notify the RPD, and the venue staff who will assist in calling the ambulance. Where a staff member leaving in an ambulance then compromises our child to staff ratio, and the activity is deemed unsafe with the number of remaining educators, the children will immediately be returned to the centre.	Children and Educators	During excursion	Low
General- multiple Educators on Excursion	Serious injury to a staff member	Moderate	Where a staff member has a serious injury, one staff member will render first aid, whilst the others move the children away and ensure adequate supervision. Where an ambulance is required to be called, the staff member will notify the RPD, and the venue staff who will assist in calling the ambulance. Where a staff member leaving in an ambulance then compromises our child to staff ratio, and the activity is deemed unsafe with the number of remaining educators, the children will immediately be returned to the centre	Educators	During excursion	Low

Park/Oval	Bottles, rubbish, dangerous items at the Park	Extreme	Educators are to do a thorough inspection of the venue prior to children sitting for lunch etc. Educators are to remove any rubbish from the area if safe to do so. If there are any dangerous items which cannot be moved then educators should use boundary cones to cordon off the area and advise children of out of bounds space.	Educators	During excursion	Low
Eating & Drinking on Excursion	Choking whilst drinking and/or eating	High	Children will be provided space to sit during meal times. They will be reminded to sit whilst drinking and eating.	Educators	During excursion	Low
Eating & Drinking on Excursion	Food Allergies	Extreme	<p>Children's allergies will be discussed with educators prior to departure to ensure all educators are aware.</p> <p>Medication is to be kept with each child throughout the day to ensure prompt access when in different areas of the venue.</p> <p>Parents to be reminded that the Centre is 'Nut Aware' and nuts are not permitted at the service.</p> <p>Children's will be asked about their morning tea and lunches prior to the excursion to ensure no nuts or any other related allergy products are contained.</p>	<p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators and Parents</p> <p>Children, directed by educators</p>	<p>Before departing for the excursion .</p> <p>During Excursion.</p> <p>During Vacation Care planning process.</p> <p>Prior to excursion.</p>	Low
Riding on Bus	Injury from sudden braking	High	Children will be reminded to sit while travelling on the bus and to face towards the direction of travel	Educators	During Excursion	Low
Riding on Bus	Boarding and Disembarking off	High	Children will be reminded to watch their step when getting on and off the bus at the stops.	Children directed by	During briefing prior to excursion & whilst on	Low

	bus			Educators	excursion.	
Riding on Bus	Bus breakdown	Low	Where a bus breaks down, the children will remain on the bus until another bus is organized, Once the replacement bus arrives, the children will swap busses. Where remaining on the bus is considered dangerous (due to heat or mechanical reasons), the RPD will locate a safe area to have the children wait for the new bus to arrive.	Children and Educators	During excursion	Low
Riding on Bus	Bus Accident	High	<p><i>If the accident is not serious:</i> On regular road keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so.</p> <p>If not, move children to a safe location on footpath or a grass area that is safe and protected from oncoming traffic.</p> <p><i>If the accident is serious:</i> Move those able to walk away from the scene of the accident to a safe location. This will need to be assessed at the time.</p> <p>Assess casualties and administer first aid as best you can until emergency help arrives.</p> <p>Call '000' and cooperate with emergency services at all times. At least one Educator (if possible) to accompany children to hospital until parents arrive.</p> <p>Contact centre and Manager as soon as possible. – Educators at service will begin contacting parents</p>	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During excursion	Low

			Keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so.			
General	Child Protection	High	Children will never be left alone with members of the public without supervision. All Educators hold WWCC as do venue staff, and Bus driver	Educators	During Excursion	Low
Walking to and from Venue	Injury	Moderate	Children will be reminded to walk at all times when traveling to and from the venue.	Educators	During Excursion	Low
Windy Weather	Fallen Trees/Branches	High	If the weather starts to become windy and cause concern for safety, especially with the nearby trees, educators will remove children from the trees as soon as possible and cancel any activities in those areas. Alternate routes to taken back to the venue.	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During Excursion	Low
Presence of Ticks in the long grasses	Ticks on body, reaction from ticks if bitten	High	Parents will be advised before excursion for all children to wear enclosed shoes. Children will be advised and directed by educators to stay on the designated paths and not the grassy scrub or further into the bush beyond boundaries set by EcoXplore staff. Children and Educators will check legs when back from activities/walk to ensure no ticks present. EcoXplore staff carry First Aid Kits which includes creams and sprays to be used on ticks.	Parents. Educators and Children directed by Educators	Prior to Excursion & During Excursion	Low
Bushwalking (EcoXplore)	Tripping over rocks or dirt, other hazards	Moderate	Children will be reminded to walk along the tracks and to watch where they are walking. EcoXplore staff inspect the tracks beforehand to ensure no hazards are present.	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During Excursion	Low

Long Grasses/Scrubs	Cuts/scratches from vegetation	Moderate	Children will be reminded to walk along tracks and re-directed through areas should there be any long grasses during the path. This could occur during the scrub walk. Also during the Find a Bug activity for children to be careful of spikey native bushes that might scratch.	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During Excursion	Low
Hot Weather	Exhaustion/Over-heating from Activities	High	EcoXplore staff have alternative activities available if inclement weather occurs. Shorter tracks can be chosen and there are shaded areas throughout the activity locations. EcoXplore also has a building with a shelter that is covered and has access to a water tap for re-filling bottles and also toilets.	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During Excursion	Low
Bushwalking (EcoXplore)	Metal mesh pathways	Moderate	Children will be advised no more than 2-wide when walking along the metal mesh pathways. Children also advised not to go beyond these pathways. EcoXplore staff check pathways to ensure no metal is damaged or loose sections. An Educator also to lead at front of group to check for any further hazards.	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During Excursion	Low

Risk Benefit Analysis

Risk	Benefit
* Lost Child	* Development of social skills & expected behaviours when with other people of the community
* Sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, extreme weather, wet weather etc	* Continue to develop relationships with key Educators whilst on the excursion
* Child Protection issues with members of the public	* Fun and Recreation
* Injury to children or staff from slips / trips / falls	*To investigate and learn what animals live in the bush
* Choking / food allergy issues when consuming food brought from home	*To develop co-operation and learning through the activities that require team-work.
* Injury from bus accident / breakdown / braking	* To learn basic ideas of catching a bus, and how to do so, to encourage life skills
*Bites/Reactions from ticks or cuts/scrapes from vegetation	* To learn skills to bush-walk safely
*Exhaustion from activities/walking, especially on a hot day.	* To learn history about the North Head Sanctuary
	* To develop observation skills from activities, especially in the bush areas.

Risk Matrix						
		Consequence				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
Likelihood	Almost certain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Likely	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Possible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
	Unlikely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High

