

# NWOOSH Vacation Care

## Excursion Risk Assessment

Excursion Details			
<b>Dates of excursions</b>	Monday 24th May 2021	<b>Excursion destination:</b>	Brickpit Park
<b>Departure and Arrival Times</b>	Walk from centre at 3pm for arrival 3:30pm return trip to commence at 4:45pm, for arrival back at centre by 5:00 pm		
<b>Proposed Activities</b>	Relaxation and Play on equipment	<b>Water Hazards?</b>	Yes/ <b>No</b> If yes, detail in risk assessment below
<b>Method of transport, including proposed route</b>	Walking (route is detailed in map below) (142-178 Pennant Hills Road, Thornleigh 2120 NSW)		
<b>Name of RPD</b>	TBD	<b>Contact Number of RPD</b>	02 9484 4412
<b>Number of children attending excursion</b>	Estimated: 30 Actual:	<b>Number of educators/parents/volunteers</b>	Estimated: 3 Actual:
<b>Educator to child ratio, including whether this excursion warrants a higher ratio? Please provide details.</b>	1:10 Ratio as per normal excursion ratio- no higher staffing requirements needed. (Additional 2 educators in attendance on support.)		
<b>Educators on excursion (Names):</b>	<b>Educator Training:</b>	<b>Educators Contact Details (to be completed on staff copy of RA only):</b>	<b>Educators to Sign once they have read &amp; understood the Risk Management Plan:</b>
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<b>Plan Prepared By:</b>	Benjamin Caswell	<b>Date Prepared:</b>	13th April 2021
<b>Additional Venue Information:</b>	Yes-attached/ <b>No</b>		
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"/> First Aid Kits incl tissues, plastic bags, sick bags, portable ice packs (2)	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Washing Soap with Spare Plastic Bag for Rubbish		
<input type="checkbox"/> Roll of Children attending excursion and contact numbers	<input type="checkbox"/> Excursion T Shirts worn by each child		
<input type="checkbox"/> List of Medical information for each child attending excursion	<input type="checkbox"/> Equipment (Cones, Handball)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Camera	<input type="checkbox"/> All children checked for food applicable, full water bottle and hat		
<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile Phone (Excursion RPD) with Battery	<input type="checkbox"/> Walkie Talkies (1 per educator)		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sunscreen	<input type="checkbox"/> Wet Weather Gear		
<input type="checkbox"/> Spare Administer Medication Sheet	<input type="checkbox"/> Children checked for permission		
<input type="checkbox"/> Sanclean Bottle & Paper Towel	<input type="checkbox"/> Hand Sanitiser		

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 maximum 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
Walking to and from Venue - multiple Educators on excursion			The educators will position themselves on the road side when walking to and from the venue to keep the children safe.	Educators		
Walking to and from Venue - multiple Educators on excursion			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.	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.</p> <p>Educators will conduct roll calls and dual headcounts at all stopping points and before and after leaving areas / venues.</p>	Educators to organise T-Shirts	<p>Shirts to be worn by each child before departing the OOSH building.</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-directed by 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 &amp; 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>

			regener minimum as pairs, and more practical, in groups of 3. A dual headcount will be conducted for groups of children.			
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	Bottles, rubbish, dangerous items at the Park	Extreme	Educators are to do a thorough inspection of the venue prior to children playing on the equipment or sitting on the grounds. 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
Walking to and from Venue Walking to and from Venue	Sun Burn, Heatstroke, dehydration, Extreme hot weather etc.	Extreme	Should the temperature become too hot to return to OOSH by foot, alternative arrangements will be made to ensure the safety of each child. Parents will be contacted and notified immediately should there be changes to the daily programs travel arrangements / pickup location.	Educators	Temperature to be assessed prior to leaving on excursion for a decision / alternate plans to be made	Low
General	Child Protection	High	Children will never be left alone with members of the public without supervision. All Educators hold WWCC.	Educators	During Excursion	Low

Park Equipment	Injury from swing / ropes structure / flying fox	High	Children will be reminded that the swing and flying fox is one child at a time, and a designated area will be set by educators and notified to all children. Children will wait for the swings on the side and approach from front when embarking. The eastern most swing has a crack directly under in the lino. Educators to supervise near here to ensure children are able to get onto and off the swing properly. If upon inspection before use the crack is lifting up or deemed unsafe, cones will be placed around this swing while the other 3 will remain in use. The Ropes Structure can have multiple children at a time and children will be reminded about the balancing equipment in the centre.	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	Low
Park Equipment	Injury from faulty equipment	High	Educators to check the Ropes Structure, Swings, Flying Fox, Pack Benches to ensure all equipment is in order and not faults. If any equipment is deemed unsafe, children will be notified and cones will be used to cordon off the affected equipment. The Spring Seat, Slide and small play equipment at the bottom of the park will not be in use.	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	Low
Park Equipment	Injury from tripping on crack near swing	High	Educators will remind children to take extra care when using the eastern most swing as there is a crack in the synthetic surface. If the crack is deemed unsafe on the day, follow the above process. (And as previously mentioned.)	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	Low

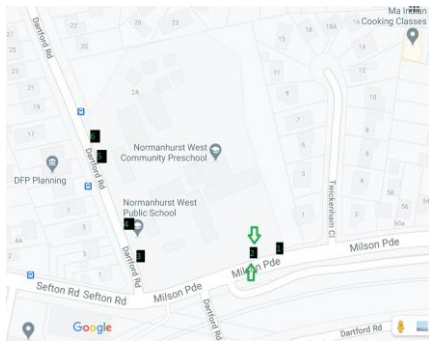
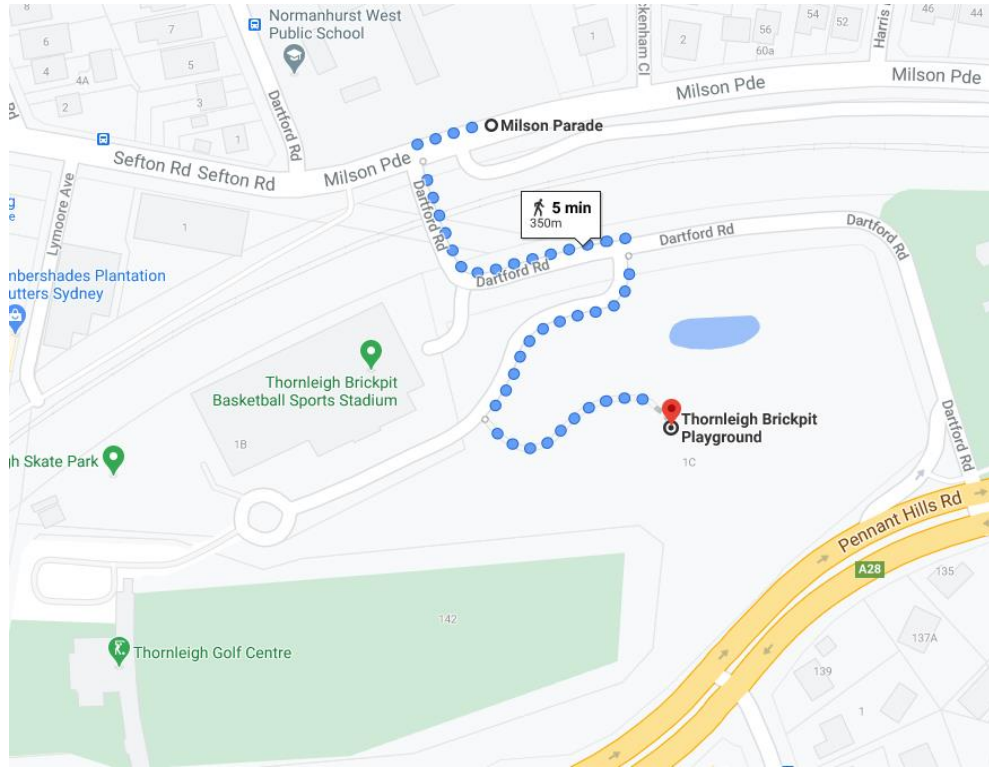
Park Equipment	Injury from hole in flying fox casing	High	Educators will remind children to take extra care when using the flying fox and to hold their hands away from hole in the casing. If the casing is deemed unsafe on the day, follow the above process.	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	Low
Park Equipment	Injury from tripping up/down stairs	Moderate	Educators to remind children to walk when using the stairs and to keep to their left when using them.	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	Low
Park Equipment	Injury from slipping on wet grass	Moderate	Educators to inspect grassed areas before use and to cone off any muddy or watery areas from use for play.	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	Low
Walkway to/from Park	Injury from spikes in plants, poor visibility of steps	Moderate	Educators will direct children around the middle stairway as it is over-grown and unsafe to use. Children will be directed to stay on the left hand-side of the sealed driveway until reaching the park benches. The opposite will occur when leaving, and the children crossing with direction of staff when safe to do so down the lower stairs to the main brick-pit driveway.	Educators	During excursion, prior to use of equipment	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	* Relaxation and Recreation
* Injury to children or staff from slips / trips / falls	* Knowledge of their local area by walking to and from venue
* Injury from faulty equipment	* Development of confidence in physical abilities and learning limits when using the challenging equipment.
* Injury from overgrown stairs/crack in plastic equipment	* FUN!

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



**Exit & Entry of premises  
Via School Gate 2**



**Entry & Exit of venue  
Via lower entrance next to park benches**