

Epping North OSHCP

Excursion Risk Assessment

Excursion Details			
Dates of excursion	10th October 2019	Excursion destination:	Taronga Zoo
Departure and Arrival Times	Depart centre at 9:30am, arrive back at 2pm.		
Proposed Activities	Seeing animals at Taronga Zoo and do a scavenger hunt in groups	Water Hazards? If yes, detail in risk assessment below	Yes/ No
Method of transport, including proposed route	N/A		
Name of RPD	Kareena Pearce	Contact Number of RPD	02 9868 5690
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:	Renee Khodeir	Date Prepared:	26th August 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 significant change occurs.			
Excursion Checklist			

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack First Aid Kits incl tissues, hand sanitiser, sick bags | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Excursion hats worn by each child |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Roll of Children attending excursion and contact numbers | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR All children checked for food applicable and full water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack List of Medical information for each child attending excursion | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Wristbands to be worn by all children |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Camera | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Conduct Roll call prior to excursion and give instructions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Mobile Phone with Battery | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR check permission notes are signed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Put children into groups if necessary |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack walkie talkies (1 per educator) | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Centre Phone on divert to RPD mobile (*21 phon number #)
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Medication and Action Plans for each child with a Medical Condition | |

Activity	Hazard identified	Risk assessment (use Matrix)	Elimination/control measures	Who	When	Residual Risk Rating
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

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Walking to and from Venue	Tripping on obstacles	Moderate	The lead Educator will ensure the path is safe, and alert children of any obstacles, or guide the group around	Educator	Staff to be reminded prior to the excursion	Low
General	Lost Child	Extreme	All children will wear excursion hat and wristband whilst on the excursion.	Educators to organise wristbands and check children have yellow hat	Hats and wristbands to be worn by each child before departing the OOSH building.	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>	

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			<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>Where the weather places children at risk that RPD / NS / Committee believe cannot be mitigated appropriately, the excursion will be cancelled</p> <p>Sunscreen will be applied to each child, where permission has been given & UV 3 or above.</p>	<p>Educators</p> <p>RPD / NS to make early decision COB day prior, then final decision morning of excursion</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>Prior to leaving the Centre</p> <p>early decision to be made COB day prior to excursion, final decision on morning of excursion</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 gear 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>

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General	Toilet Supervision	Moderate	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 practical, in groups of 3.	Children and Educators	On arrival at the venue and then throughout the day before group use by children.	Low
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

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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
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 and medical plans are to be kept with each child throughout the day to ensure prompt access when in different areas of the venue.</p> <p>Children will be reminded not to share food</p> <p>Parents to be reminded that the Centre is 'Nut Aware' and nuts are not permitted at the service.</p>	<p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Educators and Parents</p>	<p>Before departing for the excursion and whilst on excursion.</p> <p>During Excursion.</p> <p>During Excursion.</p> <p>During Vacation Care planning process.</p>	Low

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			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.	Children, directed by educators	Prior to excursion.	
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 bus	High	Children will be reminded to watch their step when getting on and off the bus at the stops.	Children directed by Educators	During briefing prior to excursion & whilst on excursion.	Low
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>	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During excursion	Low

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			<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> <p>Keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so.</p>			
Walking excursion 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
Taronga Zoo	Bites / Stings from animals	Moderate	Children will be reminded not to put their fingers through cages, and not to touch animals in enclosures. A first aid kit will be available to every group Educator. Signs will be pointed out to children to remind them of park rules.	Educators	During excursion	Low
Taronga Zoo	Allergies to plants and animals	Moderate	Children will be reminded to wash their hands regularly with soap whilst at the zoo, particularly after touching any animals that are available for petting.	Children, directed by educators	During Excursion	Low

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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

Risk Benefit Analysis

Risk	Benefit
* Injury from animals or possible allergic reaction	* Learning about animals and plants
* Sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, extreme weather, wet weather etc	* Development of social skills & expected behaviours when with other people of the community
* Lost Child	* Relaxation and Recreation
* Child Protection issues with members of the public	* Peer bonding
* Choking / food allergy issues when consuming food brought from home	* Understanding of Australia's native plants and animals
* Injury from bus accident / breakdown / braking	* To learn basic ideas of catching a bus, and how to do so, to encourage life skills
	* To learn to work together as a team to achieve a common goal

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

