



Bondi BASC Vacation Care Excursion Risk Management Plan 2022

Date of Excursion:	20/12/2021	Service / Group:	Vacation Care Senior (2-6)
Location of Excursion:	128 Ramsgate Ave, North Bondi. NSW 2026	Excursion Duration:	9.30am - 2.00pm 4 hours 30 minutes
Method of Transport: Including proposed route attached and duration	Walking & Telford’s Private Bus and Coach	Water Hazards Details:	Yes
Excursion Coordinator:	Luke McLean & Natasha Otormin-Richart	Contact Number:	9130 6209
Number of Children Attending Excursion:	50 children	Number of Educators: Parents / Volunteers	15 Educators attending
Child to Educator Ratio: Does this excursion warrant a higher ratio?	1:5	Venue & Safety Information reviewed & attached?	Venue risk assessment & map saved in the correlating VAC folder.
Plan prepared by:	Luke McLean	Prepared in consultation with:	Matthew Godman, Li McLean, Educators & venue
Communicated to:	All educators attending the excursion will read the risk management plan before departing. Available to families on the service website.		
Description of Activity:	Children will walk down to Bondi Beach and participate in some beach games and surfing activities with the qualified instructors at Lets Go Surfing. Followed by lunch at the beach and a hot chip snack! Bus back to BASC		
Excursion bag to include:	First aid kit, asthma & anaphylaxis kits for individuals, fully charged mobile phone, emergency contact numbers; activity and transport confirmations, sunscreen and emergency medical folder.		
Reminder: Monitor the effectiveness of controls and change if necessary. Review the risk assessment if an incident or significant change occurs.			

Name of Activity Risk Assessment					
Activity	Hazard Identified	Risk Assessment see matrix	Elimination / Control Measures	Who	When
Route and Destination	- Walking route lost, - no through roads, - Bus routes with high traffic result in children confined in a heated environment for extended periods. - Destination not child friendly.	High	- The excursion coordinator will source a map of the venue & ensure child safe areas for pick up & drop off, which will be communicated to any bus drivers. - Educators will be notified of the route, drop off & pick up areas before departure. - Educators will ensure the to use pedestrian pathways and crossings at all times	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion

			- Children will be brief on the expectations on walking, transport & behaviour while walking or on transport. - Two educators will be responsible for each year group, one to lead the group and one at the rear to ensure safety of children.		
Supervision	unsupervised children	High	- Families will be required to confirm their Vacation Care bookings 2 weeks before the VAC start date. At this time the required number of educators will be rostered on for the activity. - Educators will be notified of their supervision responsibilities before departing for the excursion, with any changes being addressed to all educators if the need arises. (Eg year groups, environments) - All volunteers will require current volunteers Working with Children Check numbers. - Educators will be responsible for supervising any volunteers attending the excursion.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Children's behaviour	Unsafe or inappropriate behaviour could result in injury.	Moderate	- Educators will run a safety talk with children before departing on the excursion to discuss the appropriate & safe behaviours expected of them while attending the excursion. - The safety talk will include procedures for transport, bathrooms, lunch, walking, interacting with the general public, becoming lost, safe adults, sun safety	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
COVID-19 Child or adult shows signs of unwell or sickness	- Physical interactions possible virus spread - Spreading germs - Touching surfaces after coughing	High	- Educators are required to stay at home if they are sick - If a child is sick they should not attend BASC. - Parents will be contacted to collect sick children immediately from BASC or the excursion venue.. - Sick children will be isolated from other children in the BASC office until they are collected. The area will be thoroughly cleaned & sanitised after they have departed. - VAC Coordinators will ensure excursion venues have COVID-19 safe practices. - Educators will ensure the group social distance staying at least 1.5 metres from the general public.	Children and Educators Activity Staff	Entire duration of excursion
Children will be in public	may be exposed to inappropriate behaviour from members of the public	Moderate	- Before the excursion departs the educators will hold a safety talk with children, discussing the appropriate behaviour expected of them while in public and what to do if they feel unsafe. - Children will be advised to speak to members of the public respectfully & appropriately and will never be left without an educator.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Children walking in public	- Uneven pavement surfaces - Traffic present	Moderate	Children are required to wear shoes appropriate for walking.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion

			• Educators will decide on the safest route, discussed prior to excursions if possible, avoiding all hazards. • There will be an educator at the front and back of the children's line at all times. • Educators will monitor the traffic conditions, cross any roads at lights/pedestrian crossings where possible and have a nominated traffic monitor who remains on the road when children are crossing to ensure cars are stopped should they come along.		
Children will be transported to and from the excursion via bus	• Children may be injured by traffic getting on and off the bus • Children may be involved in a traffic collision while riding the bus • Children may be injured if the bus stops suddenly • Boarding and disembarking coach/bus	Moderate	• Children may only enter the bus if it is stopped next to the curb on the side of the road closest to where the children have come from e.g. school side of Wellington Street. • Educators will lead children onto the bus and guide the appropriate number of children into seats to ensure no overcrowding. • Children will be instructed to sit with their backs against the seat at all and their bags beneath the seat. • Children are prohibited from standing up on the bus when it is moving. • If the bus has seat belts all children will be required to use them. • Children will remain in school grounds till bus is stationary in a safe place for children to board the bus • Children will be led by an educator onto the bus with a second educator following from behind. • Educators will instruct children to walk safely in 2 lines. • An educator will conduct a head count when children enter and exit the bus ensuring that it matches the roll.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Lost child	• Lost child	High	• Children will have a buddy who they must stay with for the day, if a child's buddy is missing they are to report to a staff member immediately. • Children will wear the BASC purple wristband with the centre phone number and green or blue bibs so they are easily identified at all times on the excursion • Educators will be stationed at the beginning and end of children lines when the group is transitioning. • Educators will take roll calls at the beginning of the day before children leave the premises and will record the number of children present, this roll & headcounts will be repeated throughout the day with the time of day being recorded each time. • Educators will inform children of a meeting place in the venue & safe adults for children to approach (eg venue staff, families) if they become lost while on excursion.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion

Outdoor play	Exposure to UV rays and Sunburn	Moderate	- Children will wear hats, sunscreen and sleeves whilst outdoors. - Children will stay in the shade when the UV index is at an unsafe level and will be in the shade when possible at all other times. - Staff members will assist children in reapplying sunscreen at four hour intervals, or every two hours in extreme weather conditions.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Children have an Asthmatic or Anaphylactic attack	- Asthmatic children having an asthma attack due to over exerting themselves. - Anaphylactic children having an attack during food breaks or exposed to allergens.	High	- First aid kit will be brought on the excursion, containing asthma puffers, spacers and the epipens of any anaphylactic children. - The emergency folder containing all children's medical actions plans will be brought on the excursion. - All educators will be aware which children are asthmatic and/or anaphylactic, they will endeavour to know the children by name, face and build relationships with them. - Educators will encourage asthmatic children to have plenty of rest breaks to minimise the chance of an attack. - Children will be directed away from any areas exposed to asthma triggers such as smoke, dust etc. - Educators will be especially vigilant when observing anaphylactic and asthmatic children. - Children and educators will wash their hands before and after eating and transitions. - Parents will be cautioned about the amount of allergen containing foods they provide their children. - Educators will discreetly let the instructors know which children have medical conditions. - During the safety talk, educators will discuss with children how to be safe concerning allergies, asthma and anaphylaxis.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Children will use public toilets	- May suffer abuse from members of the public - Children may be injured in toilets	Moderate	- Educators will check the toilets before the children enter to ensure that there are no members of the public using them. - Children will go to the toilet with a buddy at all times. - When groups of children go to the toilet the staff member assisting them will do a headcount before and after they go to the toilet. - Children will be respectful to other members of the public when entering and exiting the toilets.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion

Weather	- Children become sick or in extreme cases develop hypothermia if they remain in the wet for long periods. - Lightning - Strong winds	High	- Wet weather plans will be created for outdoor excursions - Children will not stand in the rain for long periods. - Outdoor excursions will be cancelled in the event of dangerous weather conditions e.g., lightning or strong winds.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Emergency Evacuations	Various emergency situations requiring evacuation	Moderate	- Educators will direct all children to safety in an emergency evacuation - Educators Escorting children are to keep the group together and follow instructions	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Let's Go surfing	Water Safety - Children could get caught in a rip - Children falling into sandbanks or twisting ankles - Children or educators struck by surfboards - Drowning	High	- Parents will be required to read and sign the let's go surfing waiver form before children can attend excursion. - All surfing instructors are certified professionals and have attained the following qualifications: - Surfing Australia Level 1 Surfing Coach Qualification - OSSCA or other surf lifesaving qualifications. - CPR & First aid qualifications - Educators will ensure a ratio of 1 adult to every 5 children is maintained when in the water - Educators will initiate a safety discussion with children instructing children how to be safe when surfing. - Educators are to provide support to the surf instructors, following all instructions. - If a child is in danger, educators are to allow the surf instructors/lifeguards to initiate a rescue as they are professionals. Educators will assist where possible and only attempt to rescue children if there are no surf instructors/lifeguards present or immediate action is necessary. - Surfing instructors will educate children on beach safety, they will discuss: - Rips; what they are; how to spot them; how to avoid and escape them, - Beach safety equipment such as the safe swimming flags, dangerous current signs, surfing signs etc. - How to fall off your surfboard - How to avoid spraining ankles by running off surfboard instead of jumping. - Surf awareness; being aware of others in the lesson, surfboards, and other beach users. - Techniques for avoiding colliding with others while surfing.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion

			Weak swimmers will remain in shallow water where they can stand.		
Exposure	- Hyperthermia - Children remaining in cold water for long periods	Low	- Children will wear a wetsuit to avoid being affected by water temperatures. - An educator will remain on the beach for children who prefer not to participate in surfing activities	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion
Stings and bites	- Children may be stung by bluebottles, jellyfish or sea lice - Shark attack or other sea life	High	- Lifeguards are vigilantly watching for sharks and maintaining the shark nets and shark detector. - Surfing instructors will keep children close to shore as much as possible. - Surfing instructors will cancel lessons if sharks are spotted and will be vigilante in 'sharky conditions'. - Children will not go in the water if tentacled marine life is present . Unless surf instructors assure educators it is safe to do so.	Children and Educators	Entire duration of excursion

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