

# Epping North OSHCP

## Excursion Risk Assessment

Excursion Details			
<b>Dates of excursion</b>	6th October 2023	<b>Excursion destination:</b>	Clifton Gardens Reserve, Mosman
<b>Departure and Arrival Times</b>	Excursion time 10am-2pm		
<b>Proposed Activities</b>	Children attend excursion run by Ranger Jamie tours to perform a range of science activities including Billy cart races, slime, rockets and soda bags.	<b>Water Hazards?</b>	<b>Yes</b>
	<b>If yes, detail in risk assessment below</b>		
<b>Method of transport, including proposed route and seatbelts (if applicable)</b>	Private bus hired route attached, Seat belts to be worn where fitted.		<b>Estimated Duration of Trip:</b> 40 mins
<b>Name of RPD</b>	Megan Brook	<b>Contact Number of RPD</b>	02 9868 5690
<b>Number of children attending excursion</b>	Estimated: 60 Actual:	<b>Number of educators/parents/volunteers</b>	Estimated: 7 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.		
<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>	Jake Marsden	<b>Date Prepared: 6/9/2023</b>	Date Visited: 1/9/23 (Jake Marsden)
<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 significant change occurs.			

### Excursion Checklist

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| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack</b> First Aid Kits incl tissues, hand sanitiser, sick bags              | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIOR</b> Excursion hats worn by each child                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack</b> Roll of Children attending excursion and contact numbers            | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIOR</b> All children checked for food applicable and full water bottle |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack</b> List of Medical information for each child attending excursion      | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIOR</b> Wristbands to be worn by all children                          |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack</b> Camera + Mobile phone with battery                                  | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIOR</b> Conduct Roll call prior to excursion and give instructions     |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack</b> Medication and Action Plans for each child with a Medical Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIOR</b> check permission notes are signed                              |
| <input type="checkbox"/> <b>Pack</b> Sunscreen   | <input type="checkbox"/> <b>PRIOR</b> Put children into groups if necessary                          |

Pack walkie talkies (1 per educator)

PRIOR Centre Phone on divert to RPD mobile (\*21`phonenumber` #)  
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General	Lost Child	Extreme	All children will wear yellow excursion hat for visibility and wristband whilst on the excursion. Wristbands have centre name and phone number on them in case child gets lost, an adult can call the RPD to find them.	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 &amp; 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
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

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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, 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
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	Extreme	Educators will count children on and off the bus to ensure the headcount is correct and matches the total head count of the children on the excursion. Responsible Person on Duty to ensure head count is correct. Number of educators will also be accounted for to ensure all educators are present and ratios are being met. An educator will perform a sweep check of the bus to ensure no children, or belongings are left on the bus.	Educators	As children and educators embark and disembark from the bus.	High
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	<i>If the accident is not serious:</i>	Educators and	During excursion	Low

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			<p>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> <p>Keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so.</p>	Children directed by Educators		



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Water Hazards	Children falling into water, drowning.	Extreme	As Clifton Gardens reserve is located next to Sydney Harbour there is a risk of children falling into the water. The excursion activities will be located as far away from the water as possible. The area utilised for activities will be sectioned off with boundary cones and explained to the children so they know the areas that are in bounds. Educators will escort groups of children to the bathrooms to ensure the children are supervised while away from the boundaries.	Children, educators and Ranger Jamie staff	In roll call, at all times during activity.	High
Carparks	Children being hit by car, traffic incident	Extreme	Similarly to the water, the carpark will be out of bounds for children to be in, apart from getting on and off the bus. The area that children will be doing activities will have boundary cones surrounding it so children are aware that the carpark is out of bounds.	Children, educators and Ranger Jamie staff	In roll call, at all times during activity.	High
Animals	Children having allergies to animals, being bitten by animals	High	As Clifton Gardens reserve is an open dog park, it is likely that there will be animals at the park who are off leash. Children will be instructed to not touch any dogs at the park due to the risk of allergies and children being bitten by the dogs.	Children and Educators	Prior to excursion, during excursion.	High
Science Activities, including Slime, Billy Cart Making, Rockets and Soda Bags	Children being injured/hurt from inappropriate or broken, equipment,	High	Excursion staff to ensure all equipment is appropriate and in working order before the excursion including equipment used for the billy carts, rockets and slime ingredients.	Children, educators and Ranger Jamie staff	Prior to excursion, during excursion.	High
General	Child Protection issues	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

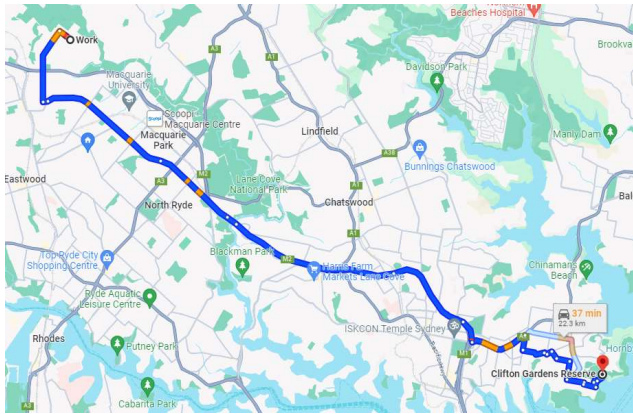
Risk Benefit Analysis

Risk	Benefit
* Injuries from cars, bus breakdown	* Exercise and physical activity at Park
* Sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, extreme weather, wet weather etc	* Development of social skills & expected behaviours when with other people of the community
* Lost Child	* Visiting new venue to explore and visit with family another time
* Child Protection issues with members of the public	* Activities run by specialist staff with experience providing science activities to children
* Injuries from dogs/animals at the park	* Children can do activities not usually done at the centre, can do more and challenging activities with proper equipment
*Water risk - Drowning and falling in water	* Builds on popular activities heavily requested by children - slime.
* Injuries from broken, damaged equipment	* Learning scientific concepts such as chemical reactions, mixing substances safely, gravity and friction.

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

Pick Up Location: Boundary Rd, Outside Epping North OSHCP  
Drop Off Location: Clifton Gardens reserve car park, bus depot , Morella Road.



Map of Clifton Gardens reserve, expected boundary area in Red.

