

Epping North OSHCP

Excursion Risk Assessment

Excursion Details			
Dates of excursion	28th September 2023	Excursion destination:	Sydney Zoo
Departure and Arrival Times	Depart centre 10am, return 2pm.		
Proposed Activities	Children explore Sydney Zoo, learning about animals, conservation and complete a scavenger hunt!	Water Hazards?	Yes/ No
		If yes, detail in risk assessment below	
Method of transport, including proposed route and seatbelts (if applicable)	Private bus (route attached). Seal belts to be worn on NSW buses where fitted.		Estimated Duration of Trip: 45 minutes
Name of RPD	Jake Marsden	Contact Number of RPD	02 9868 5690
Number of children attending excursion	Estimated: 70 Actual:	Number of educators/parents/volunteers	Estimated: 9 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:	Jake Marsden	Date Prepared: 9.8.23	Date Visited: 08/08/2023 (Jake Marsden)
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 + Mobile phone with battery | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR Conduct Roll call prior to excursion and give instructions |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Medication and Action Plans for each child with a Medical Condition | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR check permission notes are signed |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Pack Sunscreen | <input type="checkbox"/> PRIOR 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 & 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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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>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</p> <p>Educators and Parents</p> <p>Children, directed by educators</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> <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

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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	<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>	Educators and Children directed by Educators	During excursion	Low

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			<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>			
Sydney 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
Sydney Zoo	Animals roaming the zoo	Moderate	For animals that are located in the free roam areas of the zoo (kangaroos, birds, chickens) educators will ensure children follow signage instructing correct behaviour around these animals, such as petting when appropriate, staying on the footpath, not chasing animals and keeping gates closed.	Educators and children	Prior to excursion, during excursion	Moderate
Sydney 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
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
* Sunburn, heatstroke, dehydration, extreme weather, wet weather etc	* Development of social skills & expected behaviours when with other people of the community
* Bus breakdown, traffic accident	* Developing knowledge of animals and conservation, preventing extinction.
* Lost Child	* Relaxation and Recreation
* Child Protection issues with members of the public	* Peer bonding
* Injury / allergy to animals at Zoo, animals in cages and animals wandering around Zoo.	* Visit new venue that many children may not have attended before, also OOSH first.
	* Builds on children interests
	* Child suggested activity

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: Sydney Zoo, Bus Rank

