



Activity Benefit Risk Assessment

	<p>A minimum of one aquatic rescue trained facilitator plus one teacher required for up to 16 students, two aquatic rescue trained supervisors plus one teacher required for up to 32 students.* (Ideally the aquatic rescue supervision ratio is 1:11) Facilitator and teacher supervise from canoes.</p> <p>Facilitator to be First Aid trained HLTAID001, HLTAID002 and HLTAID003</p> <p>An equipped first aid kit to be available with emergency contact directions in the Boshack office space in dining hall</p> <p>Students are instructed in safe entry and exit from canoe including: putting paddle in first, holding both sides of the canoe walls, walking to seat along the middle of the canoe</p> <p>Students must sit while canoeing, no standing allowed. Students are encouraged to sit in the middle of the seat with their legs wide</p> <p>Students that are behaving recklessly or capsize are not allowed to return to the activity</p> <p>Regularly conduct head counts to ensure all students are present in canoes. Head count before & after being on the water.</p> <p>Call students with a dingo howl or whistle to form a raft of canoes if extra safety information needs to be delivered</p>		
Students stranded in canoe	<p>Canoes to be kept in good repair and are watertight. At least 3 canoes to contain a tow rope</p> <p>Students instructed on what space to canoe within dependent on wind strength and direction</p> <p>Facilitator to use a canoe with a tow rope</p> <p>In case of capsize, students to swim to shore with PFD or be towed by another canoe if unable to right canoe</p> <p>Canoe to be retrieved at another time</p>	Boshack Outback	Low
Bacteria infection (from contact with stagnant water)	<p>Students discouraged from swimming or splashing water.</p>	Boshack Outback	Low



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Sunburn	Students asked to wear water activity clothing and apply sunscreen before activity with a Hat.	Boshack Outback	Low
Hypothermia	Time canoeing on water limited in winter as necessary. Warm showers available after canoeing activity. Space blanket available in first aid kit	Boshack Outback	Low
Abrasions and lacerations	Edges of canoes to be maintained and in good repair to avoid sharp edges, broken plastic and exposed metal/rust	Boshack Outback	Low
Bites and stings	Canoes to be sprayed and swept out/brushed before canoe sessions to remove red back and other spiders and insects from underneath seats and around handles	Boshack Outback	Low

Equipment

Provided by Educated by Nature:

nil

Provided by Venue:

Canoes
PFDs with whistles
Tow ropes

Introductory message: (See Script for more specific instructions)

- How to put on PFDs
- How to use paddle to manoeuvre a canoe
- Using teamwork to steer and navigate around lake obstacles
- How to enter and exit a canoe safely
- Must be seated at all times
- Dingo howl or whistle to raft together
- Boundaries and where to canoe

Supporting Documents:

*Department of Education, Outdoor Education and Recreation Activities Policy

Review Process:

Review assessment 1. Annually, 2. After an incident, 3. After a major change
Monitor effectiveness of control measures and adjust if necessary

Educators/stakeholders sign understanding of assessment

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Date: 24th March 2024

Sighted and signed by Director:

Date:



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Risk Matrix

	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
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

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