

Numinbah Valley Environmental Education Centre

Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment

Activity Details

CARA Creation Date: 23-Mar-2021			
Activity:	Other	Activity Name:	Connecting to Country
Guidelines:	https://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/school-curriculum/CARA/activity-guidelines		
Activity Description:	Connecting to Country - Students are taken on a guided walk around the centre grounds exploring and interacting with native local plants in a number of ways area that reflect traditional use by the Kombumerri people.		
Inherent Risk Level:	Medium		
Inherent Risk Level Description:	Some chance of an incident and injury requiring first aid		
Start Date:	Tuesday, 30 March, 2021	End Date:	Sunday, 30 March, 2025
On School Grounds:	Yes	Is parental permission required for this activity?	No

Mandatory/Special Requirements

Provide information about mandatory/special requirements for each activity that is to occur in the Other Details box below.

Check if relevant Codes of Practice/[CARA activity guidelines](#) exist for each activity and ensure the minimum requirements are met.

Medical/Allergy information required for food consumption component.
Emergency first aid equipment & staff trained in anaphylaxis to be easily accessible.

Risk Management Details

Supervision Requirements

Provide information about supervision for each activity that is to occur in the Other Details box below.

Check if relevant Codes of Practice/[CARA activity guidelines](#) exist for each activity and ensure the minimum supervision requirements are met.

Supervision requirements determined as part of booking process.
Visiting school to identify and provide additional supervision for identified students as required

Qualification Requirements

Provide information about the leader/supervisor's relevant qualification and/or competence for each activity that is to occur in the Other Details box below.

Check if relevant Codes of Practice/[CARA activity guidelines](#) exist for each activity and ensure the minimum qualification requirements are met.

Suitably qualified, trained, experienced or competent adult.

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Equipment/Facility Requirements

Provide information about equipment/facilities for each activity that is to occur in the Other Details box below.

Check if relevant Codes of Practice/[CARA activity guidelines](#) exist for each activity and ensure the minimum equipment/facility requirements are met.

Emergency first aid equipment & staff trained in anaphylaxis to be easily accessible.
Route to be inspected on day of activity, prior to commencement.
Equipment to be inspected for serviceability prior to each use.

Hazards and Control Measures

Provide information about the identified risks and planned control measures for each activity that is to occur in the Other Details box below.

Check if relevant Codes of Practice/[CARA activity guidelines](#) exist for each activity. Information on managing common hazards and risks in the school environment can be found at [Hazards and Risks](#).

Sun exposure - Students instructed to wear hats.

Hot Tea- Tea tested to ensure warm, rather than hot, prior to use

Fire Sticks - Students instructed not to touch.

Slip/Trip/Fall - Path inspected on day, prior to use. Enclosed shoes should be worn.

Food Consumption - Participation only upon consideration of medical/allergy advice forms. Anaphylaxis trained staff and first aid equipment to be easily accessible.

Plant Material - Students should only touch plant material under direction.

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Planning Considerations

Which students will be involved?

- Consider the number of students, size of student groups and students' capabilities e.g. age, experience, competence, fitness, maturity.
- Consider any individual student needs e.g. personalised learning, support provisions (including behaviour support plans), health management (including health plans and prescribed medication requirements).

Where will the students be?

- Consider the location of the activity e.g. remote/easily accessible, public /private, school/classroom/workshop/other.
- Is the number of students appropriate for the available space?
- If outdoors – sunsafe strategies are implemented; weather and environmental conditions are assessed before and during activity (e.g. temperature, storms, water currents, tides); and strategies to reduce the likelihood of viruses, allergies and skin infections caused by insects (e.g. ticks, mosquitoes, spiders) and other animals are applied.
- The site is checked for hazards (e.g. poisonous plants, dangerous animals, uneven terrain, barbed wire,) and necessary controls implemented.
- Activities are appropriately situated in relation to buildings, pedestrians, members of the public, vehicles and other activities e.g. designated areas for activity, spectators and vehicles are established.

What will the students be doing?

- Consider the nature and duration of the activity i.e. need for drinking water, food, rest, appropriate clothing, warm-up and warm-down.
- Instruction in rules and pre-requisite skills is provided.
- Student skills are developed in a progressive and sequential manner.
- First aid and emergency medical treatment provisions are appropriate for the type of activity and location e.g. first aid kit, first aid trained personnel, Ventolin®, Epipen®, and students' personal prescribed medications as required in health plans are available.
- Emergency response strategies are in place e.g. communication plans (e.g. mobile phone, walkie talkie), safety induction, evacuation plans.
- Hair, clothing, footwear and jewellery are worn in a manner that is appropriate and safe for the activity.
- Personal items, e.g. drink bottles, towels and mouthguards, will not be shared between students.

What will the students be using?

- Instruction in safety procedures and safe handling of equipment is provided.
- Equipment is suitable for the activity, properly maintained, appropriately used and complies with the relevant safety standard.
- [Relevant department procedures and guidelines](#) are adhered to for the use of equipment and work processes.

Who will be leading the activity?

- A registered teacher has overall responsibility for the activity.
- Sufficient adult supervision is in place to manage the activity safely (including in emergency situations).
- The activity leader has the competence (knowledge and skills) to plan, induct, instruct and manage the activity safely for students and others.
- There are sufficient adults present with current First Aid qualifications (including CPR) or ready access to qualified first aid personnel.
- Blue Card requirements are adhered to for leaders/volunteers.

I have incorporated the above factors when planning my risk management strategies for this activity.

Additional activity-specific requirements for students with specialised learning needs are provided in the Other Details box below.

Visiting school to provide extra supervision & details of specialised requirements for identified students as deemed necessary.