Binoculars
Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment

Introduction
This activity is incorporated into a number of programs, either at the Centre building, in the picnic area or in the forest. It is used to for students to observe and investigate animals and their behaviours within the Bunyaville Conservation Park.

Risk Level

Medium (Likelihood Level 2, Consequence Level 3)

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Hazards
- Environmental hazards - adverse weather conditions (e.g. storms), falling branches, sun exposure, animal/insect bites and stings, allergic reaction to fauna or flora.
- Looking directly at the sun through the binoculars.
- Tripping or falling over obstacles.
- Unsafe behaviour by students.

Risk Control
- Visiting Teachers supply the Centre with students' information about special needs prior to their visit. Needs are listed on the Pink Student List Sheet and given to Centre Staff by the Visiting Teacher on excursion day. These are carried throughout the day.
- Visiting Teachers are required to attend a pre-visit session where the safety issues and basic student requirements (protective clothing, sun-screen, insect repellent and water) are discussed.
At the pre-visit, Visiting Teachers are instructed on how to use the Centre binoculars and they are also briefed on safety issues related to their use, including not to directly look at the sun or to walk while looking through the binoculars.

The Visiting Teacher demonstrates to students how to safely use the Centre binoculars, establishing appropriate safety rules for their use, including:
- do not look into the sun, and
- do not walk along while using the binoculars

Visiting Teachers monitor the activity closely to prevent inappropriate behaviour and ensure the safety rules are adhered to.

Location Specific Notes
- The location in the picnic area or forest for the binoculars activity is chosen to minimise tripping or falling over obstacles. The Centre Teacher checks the area for potential hazards to ensure safety prior to commencement of the activity.
- Weather conditions are monitored by Centre Teachers in the field, using smart phones to access the Bureau of Meteorology radar. This radar is also computer monitored by Centre Staff in the Centre Building. Centre Teachers in the field are contacted by mobile phone if necessary.

Leader Qualifications
- All supervisors/adults/students are under the direction of a registered teacher who has experience working in the environment and familiarity with this program.
- All Centre Teachers hold a Certificate IV in Outdoor Recreation (Bushwalking Guide) SRO40206.
- All Centre Field Staff hold current Senior First Aid Certificates.

Approved by:

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