Bushwalking
Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment

Introduction
Bushwalks and Earthwalks as they are called in BEEC programs, are done via the walking tracks in the Bunyaville Conservation Park. They are carried out in accordance with Bushwalking, at the following link: http://education.qld.gov.au/curriculum/carmg/pdf/bushwalking.pdf

N.B. You are not required to submit this form - it is for your information only.

The length of the bushwalk depends on specific programs and the age of students - minimum 45 mins; maximum 4 hours. These details are outlined to Visiting Teachers at the Pre-visit meeting with Centre Staff.

Risk Level
Medium (Likelihood Level 2, Consequence Level 3)

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Hazards
- Environmental:
  - windy weather (limbs falling from trees); thunderstorms; animal bites or stings; bush fires; sunburn, dehydration, collision with mountain bikes, horses
- Tripping on the track, and
- Getting lost in the forest.
Risk Control

- 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. Visiting teachers supply the Centre with students’ information about special needs prior to their visit. Needs are listed on the Pink Student List Sheet given to Centre Staff by the Visiting Teaching on excursion day and carried throughout the day.

- Bushwalks are conducted in clearly defined areas. Route maps are carried.

- Appropriate safety rules are established and adhered to;

- Minimum requirement of at least one other supervising adult to accompany each Centre Teacher and group. Adult is briefed by Centre Teacher prior to departure and shown telephone instructions and route map.

- First aid kits to be carried by Centre Teachers including medication for identified students.

- Prevailing weather conditions are considered - e.g. possibility of high winds (falling branches), thunder storm, extreme heat (bush fires, dehydration). If weather conditions are unsuitable the activity is curtailed or modified where appropriate e.g:
  - wind intensifies, the ridges are avoided and the gullies are followed;
  - thunder, group walks to closest shelter; and
  - bushfire, group is advised by Centre Staff, the quickest and safest exit, based on up to date information. If unable to contact Centre, Centre Teacher is trained to take immediate action to ensure the safety of the group.

  The Centre teacher always leads the group in the front to manage any risks such as snakes on the track or head on collisions with other track users i.e.: mountain bikers, horses, or other walkers

- Centre teachers use smart phones to access the Bureau of Meteorology Radar and Bunyaville Centre Staff will monitor BOM Radar during the program and update Teachers in the field when necessary.

- BEEC consults with Queensland Parks and Wildlife Service at regular intervals to ensure the safety of the walking tracks as per their requirements.
Location Specific Notes
Centre Staff inspect all routes prior to the field visit to ensure tracks are suitable for the appropriate bushwalk. Route directions are changed where 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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