Low Ropes
Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment

Introduction
The Low Ropes Activity is taught during the Bunyaville Challenge Program, in Bunyaville Conservation Park. It is carried out in accordance with Challenge Low Ropes and Group Activities, at the following link:

N.B. You are not required to submit this form - it is for your information only.
While each student completes the course individually, the team encourages their team members to finish the course. This activity helps build self-confidence, resilience, cooperation and decision-making skills, and develop physical attributes such as balance and flexibility. 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;
- Falling while mounting, walking along rope and dismounting;
- 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.
- Equipment is check daily to ensure it is good condition and safe.
- The low ropes course is set an ability level suitable for Year 5/6 students.
- Centre teacher and class teacher/parent supervisor will:
  - help students when required to mount and dismount the rope;
  - while students are walking along the rope, adults spot for students by walking along side either side of the rope at the same rate as the student, staying by their side at all times;
  - adults provide support for students by offering a shoulder to hang onto or in extreme cases, break their fall if they lose their balance.
- 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.
• Weather is monitored by accessing the BOM radar website for the duration of the activity by Centre staff & teachers in the field.
• 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 and equipment prior to the field visit to ensure tracks and low ropes are safe for the appropriate bushwalk/activity. Centre Staff make adjustments 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.

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