Bushcare
Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment

Introduction
Bushcare takes place in the Picnic Area at Bunyaville Conservation Park. Students weed, plant, water and distribute mulch around the planting area, in small groups with adult supervision. Please read this risk assessment in conjunction with Picnic Area Curriculum Activity Risk Assessment.

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

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Hazards
- Environmental hazards: adverse weather events (e.g. storms), falling branches, insect bites and stings, sunburn, allergic reactions to flora and fauna, contamination from soil borne diseases; and
- Injury from unsafe handling of equipment.

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 and given to Centre Staff by the Visiting Teacher on excursion day. These are carried throughout the day.
• Centre Staff orient Visiting Teachers on the day of the excursion, outlining specific safety procedures for program.
• Appropriate safety rules are established and adhered to.
• Students receive instruction and demonstration about safe removal of weeds and use of equipment.
• Students and adults are provided with gardening gloves.
• Full first aid kit with Centre vehicle car keys and emergency phone numbers are located together close to the revegetation area.
• 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.

**Location Specific Notes**

Centre Staff check:
- bushcare area for visible hazards; and
- all equipment is in safe working order.

**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 SRO40206.
- All Centre Field Staff hold current senior First Aid Certificates.

**Approved by:**

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