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Collision with an object	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to participant due to colliding with an object, person or other raft. **Causes:** Capsizing and hitting head on object. Hit by paddle. Hitting submerged objects. Running into other children	➢ Participants to wear appropriate safety equipment including Correctly fitted PFD and helmet. ➢ Participant instructed not to dive at any time or jump into water of unknown depth. ➢ All equipment used as per manufacturer's instructions and recommendations. ➢ Participants are instructed in the safe handling of equipment. ➢ Staff assess water conditions and identify any relevant hazards. ➢ No running around activity site	**Moderate**	**Possible**	**Medium**				
Fall	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to falling **Causes:** Wet and slippery surfaces. Running on uneven ground	➢ Participants to wear appropriate safety equipment including helmet. ➢ Participants to wear appropriate footwear. ➢ Brief participants about not running around the activity site and ground hazards.	**Moderate**	**Possible**	**Medium**				

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Manual Handling	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to moving and lifting heavy equipment. **Causes:** Poor lifting technique. Item is too heavy or awkward.	➢ A staff member will provide instructions and supervise carrying of objects to/from/around activity site. ➢ Ensure that lifting is carried out correctly and cooperatively.	**Moderate**	**Unlikely**	**Medium**				
Slips & Trips	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to slipping or tripping. **Causes:** Slippery/wet surfaces. Poor foot placement. Uneven ground	➢ Wear appropriate footwear at all times. ➢ Participants instructed not to run around activity site ➢ Participants advised to be aware of ground surface, others and natural surroundings.	**Minor**	**Possible**	**Medium**				
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to participants due to weather conditions **Causes:** Inappropriate clothing Exposure to cold Exposure to sun & heat Hit by lightening	➢ Monitor weather and warnings during program. ➢ Use pre planned sheltered waterways in stormy conditions and avoid open crossings. ➢ Participants to wear appropriate clothing for the weather conditions. Limit immersion in water.	**Moderate**	**Possible**	**Medium**				

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	High winds	➢ Participants taught appropriate rescue procedures. ➢ Cancel/modify activity pending weather and/or water conditions. ➢ Sunscreen during days of UV exposure ➢ Powered craft to be used during all raft building sessions							
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury in the water **Causes:** Entrapment Capsize Submerged underwater Exposure in water Poor swimming ability	➢ Participant to wear appropriate clothing. ➢ Participants to wear correctly fitted appropriate PFD and Helmet ➢ Participants briefed about moving in and around our water environment. ➢ Entrapment hazards are identified. Ropes, Pipes and Pallets. ➢ Staff to outline rescue procedure. Stay calm, lay back on your PFD, raise arm and call for assistance. ➢ Motorised water craft in use every session.	**Major**	**Possible**	**High**	➢ Regular and continual supervision of all craft on the water. ➢ Maintain appropriate ratios during all water based sessions.			

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Separation	Students are separated from the main group while on the lake.	➢ Lake Narracan is a safe enclosed waterway. ➢ Route outlined using visual land marks prior to setting off. ➢ Weather conditions monitored and assessed regularly ➢ Define boundaries established through visual landmarks. ➢ A motorised water craft supports every session monitoring all students welfare and progress.	**Minor**	**Possible**	**Medium**				
Collision/Impact	Hand/finger caught between two rafts Collision involving submerged trees/objects Impact with submerged object during capsize Impact by other vessel, child or paddle	➢ First aid kits are carried to all sessions. ➢ Mobile phones are carried by all permanent staff. ➢ Paddles must be carried vertically. ➢ No deliberate collisions ➢ In the event of an un-avoidable collision ensure all body parts remain inside the canoe. ➢ Correctly fitted PFD's and Helmets are worn in all Raft Building sessions.	**Major**	**Unlikely**	**Medium**				

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Capsize	A raft comes apart during the voyage and all participants fall into the water.	➢ Emergency procedures are clearly discussed prior to each session. ➢ All Students wear correctly fitted PFD's (type 2) and helmets. ➢ Students are instructed to keep centre of gravity low ➢ A motorised water craft supports all raft building sessions. ➢ Staff are equipped with walkie talkies enabling immediate and open lines of communication ➢ Weather conditions are regularly monitored	**Moderate**	**Possible**	**Medium**	Monitor			
Anaphylactic Episode	A student suffers an anaphylactic episode due to insect bite or ingestion.	➢ Woorabinda staff always carry a mobile phone, first aid kit and walkie talkie to every canoeing lesson. ➢ All walkie/talkie communications are monitored in the office ➢ Woorabinda staff hold a Level 2 First Aid qualification. ➢ Walkie Talkies are carried by permanent staff & 1 VT. ➢ All identified anaphylactics carry an Epi Pen ➢ Woorabinda Staff carry a spare EpiPen to all sessions attended	**Severe**	**Rare**	**Medium**	Monitor			

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		by identified anaphylactics. ➢ A motorised watercraft supports all raft building sessions ➢ Avoid areas identified for populations of bees, wasps and ants.							
Environmental	Severe weather conditions Prolonged exposure to sun. Bites and Stings	➢ Weather conditions monitored continuously throughout all canoe sessions. ➢ Sessions will be cancelled in the event of a lightening event ➢ All children carry a water bottle ➢ Sunscreen to be applied before and during sessions exposed to UV. ➢ Avoid areas known to house wasps, bees, ants and snakes.	**Moderate**	**Possible**	**Medium**	Monitor			
Stress and Strain	Lifting and moving completed rafts into and out of the water	➢ Children work in groups of at 4-6 to move water craft. ➢ Correct lifting technique demonstrated prior to lifting ➢ All lifting and carrying supervised by staff	**Moderate**	**Unlikely**	**Medium**	Monitor			

All children will be constantly supervised, regularly monitored by and communicated to by a Woorabinda Teacher who will also manage the contributions and roles of the Visiting Teacher.