Bushwalking

1. Hazard Classification	2. Description of Risk	3. Current Risk Control/s Measures Implemented at our School	4. Risk Rating Refer to OHS Risk Management Procedure			5. Further Control/s to be Implemented Measures to be taken by our school to eliminate or reduce impact of the risk	6. Revised Risk Rating After implementing Treatments		
			Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Level		Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Level
Falling Object	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to a falling object **Causes:** Tree Fall Branch Fall	➢ Ensure tents and campsites are set up clear of potential tree falls – as appropriate ➢ Assess route plans for potential hazards and modify if appropriate. ➢ Monitor weather and warnings prior to and during activity particularly in forested areas.	Severe	Rare	Medium				
Manual Handling	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to moving and lifting equipment **Causes:** Lifting backpacks	➢ Teach an appropriate method for lifting objects. ➢ Ensure proper adjustment of backpacks. ➢ Ensure backpack weight is appropriate to participants ability to carry backpack ➢ Ensure backpack is correctly packed	Minor	Possible	Medium				

	Loading and unloading equipment								
Slips and Trip	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to slips and trips **Causes:** Terrain Fatigue Poor Visibility River Crossing	➢ Monitor participant welfare and modify or cease activity accordingly ➢ Staff to brief students about walking in steep slippery or rough terrain. ➢ Ensure students wear suitable footwear ➢ Terrain suitable to the experience of participants ➢ Staff to ensure participants are adequately hydrated and carry water	Moderate	Possible	Medium				
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to the environment **Causes:** Incorrect navigation Skill level of participant Poisonous bite	➢ Staff to be familiar with the areas in which bushwalk is undertaken. ➢ Staff to carry effective communication equipment ➢ Ensure participants have a thorough understanding on group management and lost procedure	Major	Unlikely	Medium				

		➢ Ensure effective communication between staff members at the front and back of the group ➢ Ensure staff monitor numbers and assist participants at all times ➢ Participants briefed to be aware of snakes and spiders, especially in summer ➢ Staff to brief students about walking in steep slippery or rough terrain							
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to the catering environment **Causes:** Poor personal hygiene Food not cooked correctly	➢ Students briefed on camping hygiene procedures. ➢ Instruction of safe toilet practice and collection of drinking water. ➢ Students to wash hands with sanitiser before meals and after the toilet.	Moderate	Rare	Low				
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to	➢ Monitor weather and warnings prior to and during activity	Moderate	Possible	Medium				

	weather event/conditions **Causes:** Exposure to cold and wet conditions Exposure to hot and windy conditions Hit by lightening Bushfire Flooding/rising water Poor visibility	➢ Develop alternative route, escape routes and shelter location ➢ Staff trained and aware of Emergency Response Plan in the event of an bushfire and/or severe weather event ➢ Staff to ensure participants are dressed appropriately for hot/cold weather conditions ➢ Staff will encourage students to wear sunscreen and hat during high UV periods ➢ Weather protocols are followed ➢ Staff to ensure participants are adequate hydrated and carry water ➢ Staff to assess depth, speed, downstream and upstream hazards prior to river crossing							
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury to a participant due to bites and stings	➢ Monitor campsites for particular animals. ➢ Carry appropriate first aid. ➢ Appropriate	Major	Unlikely	Medium				

	Causes: Animals and insects	➢ communication devices carried and used as per protocols. ➢ Instruct students on appropriate behaviour on sighting snake. ➢ Ensure students wear appropriate footwear and clothing during high risk times. ➢ Instruct students on basic first aid if a bite occurs.							
Environment	**Description:** There is a risk of injury due to fires and cooking equipment. **Causes:** Incorrect use of cooking equipment Inappropriate behaviour whilst using cooking equipment Lack of skill and knowledge when lighting fires Fuel spills	➢ Staff to give clear instructions on how to light a fire ➢ Staff to outline appropriate behaviour when around fires ➢ Staff to monitor participant behaviour and use of cooking equipment	Moderate	Possible	Medium				

Environment	**Description:** Lost participants **Causes:** Insufficient supervision, behavioural	➢ Instruct students thoroughly on the skills required to complete the course. ➢ Ensure students have a thorough understanding of lost procedure. ➢ Ensure staff are on the course to monitor and assist students at all times. ➢ Ensure students clearly understand the boundaries for this activity.	Major	Unlikely	Medium				
Environment	**Description:** Allergic reaction to food **Causes:** Exposure to trigger substance	➢ Staff to check student medical forms to identify students with known risks. ➢ Carry anti-histamine, Epi-pen (if student has a known allergy). ➢ Ensure food substances highly allergic to a student are not on the trip.	Severe	Rare	Medium				
Pre-Existing Medical Conditions	**Description:** Injury or illness due to a pre-existing medical condition	➢ Staff to be aware of students medical summary sheets containing information from medical forms ➢ Staff to ask students on arrival if there are any further medical issues they should be aware of	Moderate	Unlikely	Medium				

		➢ Participants should be informed to participate within their limitations and carry any required medications ➢ Staff to monitor that participants are acting within their stated limitations							