

PENRITH LAKES LANDSCAPES AND LANDFORMS 'BLUE MOUNTAINS WORLD HERITAGE' **RISK ASSESSMENT**

Activity	Potential Hazards	Severity	Likeli- hood	Controls	Responsibility
On/off buses at Echo Point and Katoomba	i) Trips and Falls	3	4	* Control and assistance by visiting teachers/support staff in movement to and from buses.	Visit Staff
	ii) Traffic (pedestrian accident)	1	5	* Buses to park and drop/pick-up students in designated bus zones.	Bus Company/Visit
2. Crossing the road to get to Katoomba Park	i) Traffic (pedestrian accident)	1	5	* Visiting teachers lead and manage students when crossing the road. PLEEC staff to assist.	All Staff
3. Recess/lunch/other activities within the Blue Mountains National Park	i) Bites and stings (e.g. bee sting) with mild to severe reactions (anaphylaxis - please see final row)	1 to 5	5	* Students to stay within designated and cleared picnic areas during recess/lunch.	PLEEC Staff
				* Staff and students must wear appropriate bush walking gear, including enclosed sturdy footwear, long pants and a hat.	Visit Staff
4. Bus around the Blue Mountains National Park	i) Students out of seats (falls)	3	4	* Strict application of seating rules /seat belt use.	Visit Staff
	ii) Traffic on roads (accident)	2	4	* Visiting teachers/responsible adults on the bus and use of a professional driver.	Visit Staff
5. Walking around the Blue Mountains National	i) Uneven ground in some sections of the tracks (trips and falls)	3	5	* PLEEC staff lead other staff and students in using designated public footpaths / walking tracks. Students are to stay on these at all times. * Appropriate/fully enclosed footwear worn by visiting students and staff * Students are instructed to walk and not run.	All staff Visit Staff All Staff
	ii) Sunburn	3	4	* Hats, long sleeve shirts and sunblock.	Visit Staff
	iii) Exhaustion/Dehydration/Exposure	2	4	* PLEEC staff continually monitor walking pace and adjust as necessary. * Supervising staff hold current First Aid Training * Visiting school ensures students carry water bottles and wear appropriate clothing. * In extreme whether conditions PLEEC staff will modify/reschedule the excursion to minimise risks. * Supervising staff carry a fully maintained first aid kit on the excursion.	Visit Staff Visit Staff All Staff All Staff
	iv) Being seperated from the group	2	5	* 1:15 supervision ratio of students. * PLEEC staff familiar with tracks and terrain. * PLEEC staff issue clear and concise instructions on bush safety and, with support of participating teachers, ensure these instructions are followed. * PLEEC staff/leader schedule regular stops to check on group cohesion and maintain communication with school's supervising teacher at the tail end. * Staff establish mobile phone or other like communication links between supervising teacher. * Staff have a PLEEC excursion information sheet with phone numbers of PLEEC staff and itinerary details.	



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6. Rainforest Valley Walk (bottom of Fuber Steps)	No mobile phone reception in the valley (in case of an emergency) and a steep set of stairs.	1	4	* Two physically fit staff members capable of climbing approx 200 stairs/steps to always accompany any group descending into the valley. If an emergency occurs one staff member will get help while the other stays with the group at all times. * First Aid Kit is available at all times in all groups.	All Staff
7. Excursions to Blue Mountains National Park	i) Dangerous weather conditions	1	6	* Forecasts checked and excursion to be rescheduled in extreme weather conditions.	PLEEC Staff
8. Outdoor environments	i) Anaphylaxis/severe asthma attack due to various(plant/animal)	1	4	* All PLEEC staff trained in Anaphylaxis and First Aid. * First Aid Kit equipped with an EPI Pen and Asthma Puffer. * All PLEEC staff to carry a mobile phone in case of any emergencies. * Visit Staff to identify any students at risk of anaphylaxis/severe asthma/other medical conditions and to fill in the visitor information form previously sent to staff and to bring trained staff, a school EPI pen, asthma puffer/s and First Aid Kit.	PLEEC Staff All Staff PLEEC Staff Visit Staff
Prepared in consultation with: Laura Greer (Teacher) and Amie Marks (SAM) Communicated to: Penrith Lakes staff, casual teachers on arrival and to visiting teachers via the booking confirmation package prior to visit. Teacher / Approved Adult to Student Ratio not to exceed 1:15				Risk Matrix: 1 = Extreme 2 = High 3 = Medium 4 = Low 5 & 6 = Minimal Education Public Schools 2018	