



# Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	<b>BOULDERING</b> <i>A climbing technique where the climber traverses, rather than ascends, a wall or structure. Bouldering generally occurs close to the ground without a belay system</i>
School	Somers School Camp
Supervising Staff	All qualified teaching staff
Program	9 Day Network Program
Year Level	Year 5 & 6
Dates	February 2026 to February 2027
Location(s)	Somers School Camp – Somers Campus – Rock Climbing Gym

- Duty of care - Duty of care obligations require that school personnel take all reasonable steps to protect students from risks likely to cause personal injury that could reasonably have been for-seen.**

Risk Description	Existing Controls	Risk Assessment – with existing controls														
		Effectiveness of existing controls	Risk Consequences	Risk Likelihood	Risk Rating											
Describe the risk event, cause/s and consequence/s. For example, <i>Something occurs ... caused by ... leading to ...</i>	Describe any existing policy, procedure, practice or device that acts to minimise the risk															
While bouldering on the rock climbing wall a student falls off wall leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are instructed to not ascend any higher than the lowest foot hold.</li> <li>Students maintain a safe distance apart whilst traversing the wall.</li> <li>Adequate supervision in accordance to DET student/ teacher ratios are adhered to.</li> <li>Staff have relevant qualifications necessary to safely instruct the lesson.</li> <li>Students receive adequate demonstration, practice and spotting to boulder safely.</li> <li>Students are under constant supervision from permanent staff.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium											
While bouldering in the 'cave' a student falls off the wall leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>The floor of the cave is thick, soft matting. (soft fall)</li> <li>Students are instructed to land safely if they fall off the roof.</li> <li>Other participants are instructed not to go under student if they are attempting a roof traverse</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium											
<b>Supervision-</b> The following table shows the minimum staff-to-student ratios that must be met based on the Adventure Activity Safety Guidelines	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Bouldering</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Staff numbers</th> <th>Total students</th> <th>Student Ratio</th> <th>Staffing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>1</td> <td>20 Active climbers 10</td> <td>1 : 20</td> <td>1 x SSC Staff</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Bouldering				Staff numbers	Total students	Student Ratio	Staffing	1	20 Active climbers 10	1 : 20	1 x SSC Staff
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