



# Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	TEAM CHALLENGE
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 – Team Challenge Course – Top Oval

• **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															
The student falls off the Team Challenge Course landing awkwardly leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are instructed always land on their feet and to bend knees when landing (if possible).</li> <li>Teacher walks students through course prior to commencing activity and identifies possible dangers whilst on the course.</li> <li>Soft-fall surface is maintained within 2 metres of all elements, to a depth of 200mm</li> <li>All elements do not exceed a height of 50 cm</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off element landing awkwardly caused by faulty structure or rigging to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All rigging is independently inspected annually.</li> <li>Before each lesson SSC Staff visually inspects course for any faults with equipment.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
A student trips over an element leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are instructed to always wear closed shoes when participating on the course.</li> <li>Students are instructed to always move carefully on and around the course.</li> <li>Vegetation hazards around the perimeter of the course inspected and pruned if required,</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
A student is struck by a plank whilst moving through the course leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are given instructions as to how to carry planks safely.</li> <li>Students are given instructions as to how to move through the course with the planks safely.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
A student has foot crushed by moving element leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are instructed to always wear closed shoes when participating on the course.</li> <li>Design of see saw log minimises impact of foot entrapment.</li> <li>Area around the see- saw log is kept clear at all times.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
<p><b>Supervision-</b> The following table shows the minimum staff-to-student ratios that must be met based on the Adventure Activity Safety Guidelines</p>	<table border="1" style="width: 100%; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Team Challenge</th> </tr> <tr> <th>Staff numbers</th> <th>Total students</th> <th>Student Ratio</th> <th>Staffing</th> </tr> </thead> <tbody> <tr> <td>2</td> <td>20</td> <td>1 : 10</td> <td>2 x SSC Staff 1 x Visiting Teacher</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Team Challenge				Staff numbers	Total students	Student Ratio	Staffing	2	20	1 : 10	2 x SSC Staff 1 x Visiting Teacher
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