



Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	CHALLENGE SWING
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 – Challenge Swing Area – 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.**

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		Effectiveness of existing controls	Risk Consequences	Risk Likelihood	Risk Rating
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A student hits the access ladder when swinging caused by the ladder being left out leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The ladder is positioned between the child and the arc of the swing ensuring the ladder must be removed before student can be hauled up for their swing. 	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
A student pulling on the haul rope falls down leading to injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student on the swing is instructed to call 'Stop' before the release cord is pulled ensuring the children on the hauling rope can alter their stance. Children on the haul rope are instructed to stand in the 'Brace' position which is a side-on open-legged stance to prevent loss of balance 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low
A spectator is struck by a person on the challenge swing caused by crossing over the safety barrier leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The area around the challenge swing is fenced off and clearly defined. Each child waiting for a turn is instructed to stay behind the fence until the swinging child is safely stopped Students are constantly supervised by SSC Staff. 	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
While on the challenge swing a student falls out of the harness leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> A teacher correctly fits the child into a full body harness The harness is thoroughly checked by PS members and adjusted if necessary Each harness is retired when deemed unsuitable by S.S.C staff in accordance to manufacturer's guidelines. 	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
While on the challenge swing a student is hit by bird, insect or other flying object leading to injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student wears safety glasses and a helmet when on the Challenge Swing 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low
Unsafe conditions occur during lesson caused by severe weather elements leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> S.S.C Staff assess weather conditions at the time of the activity. If lightening or severe wind imminent, the Challenge Swing will be cleared of students immediately. Assessment of weather conditions by S.S.C staff will be considered following protocols including -DEECD weather warning, SES warning the School Principal instruction and S.S.C staff weather assessment. S.S.C Staff to continually monitor weather throughout activity. 	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
Participant becomes detached from the safety system while at height resulting in a fall and serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> The student is attached to the challenge swing by attaching the student's full body harness to the swing system with two opposable twist lock karabiners. Karabiners are always attached opposing to ensure accidental opening doesn't occur. This is verified by both SSC staff before each swing. SSC staff member checks the attachment of the strop prior to every lesson. SSC staff member visually checks the Challenge Swing at the start of each program to check for obvious damage or wear on rigging. All rigging is independently inspected annually. 	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium



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