



# Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	FLYING FOX
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 – Flying Fox 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.**

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 on the flying fox a student falls out of the harness leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified staff correctly fits the child into a full body harness</li> <li>The harness is thoroughly checked by SSC Staff and adjusted if necessary.</li> <li>Correct attachment of carriages and attachment slings are checked by SSC Staff before students access the activity.</li> <li>Each harness is retired when deemed unsuitable by S.S.C staff in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
While on the flying fox student's helmet falls off leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified staff correctly fits the child with helmet</li> <li>The helmet fitting is checked by PS members and adjusted if necessary</li> <li>Each helmet is retired when deemed unsuitable by S.S.C staff in accordance with manufacturer's guidelines.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low
Equipment Failure resulting in participant becoming separated from the cable mid-flight resulting in a fall from height and subsequent injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>All Harnesses, helmets, attachment slings, Karabiners &amp; pullies (personal gear) are routinely inspected by SSC staff at the start of each camp and logged into a logbook.</li> <li>An equipment retirement policy is implemented to ensure perishable gear is removed from service.</li> <li>All rigging is independently inspected annually.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
Karabiners/crabs incorrectly fitted causing child to fall leading to serious injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified staff responsible for correct fitting and safety check.</li> <li>A Sling &amp; Karabiner systems is in place as the primary and back-up system.</li> <li>Karabiners are always attached opposing to each other to ensure accidental opening doesn't occur.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
Lark Spur/tape incorrectly fitted causing child to fall leading to serious injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSC staff are responsible for the safe fitting and final check</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium
Poor landing while exiting Flying Fox causing injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Landing area is mulched, maintained and raked regularly.</li> <li>Children instructed in correct landing technique before taking their turn</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Minor	Unlikely	Low
Student is struck by another student coming down using the same cable resulting in a collision causing serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Qualified staff on the take-off platform will not open gates to release next riders until landing platform is clear of students.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low
Unsafe conditions for Flying Fox occur caused by severe weather elements leading to serious injury or death.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S.S.C Staff assess weather conditions at the time of the activity. If lightening or severe wind imminent, the Flying Fox will be cleared of students immediately.</li> <li>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.</li> <li>S.S.C Staff to continually monitor weather throughout activity</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium



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Student walking onto /under flying /fox track resulting in a collision with another student causing serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>At the start of the lesson, students the shown the designated pathway to take before/after their turn.</li> <li>Students are under constant supervision.</li> <li>Area under the flying fox is fenced off and out of bounds.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium												
Student faints during descent.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Teachers at both ends need to monitor and are diligent in observation whilst students are on the Flying Fox.</li> <li>Teacher at the landing platform are As soon as possible remove student from the course.</li> <li>Staff have appropriate first aid qualifications.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low												
<p><u>Supervision-</u> 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%; border-collapse: collapse; text-align: center;"> <thead> <tr style="background-color: #00728f; color: white;"> <th colspan="4">Flying Fox</th> </tr> <tr style="background-color: #add8e6;"> <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>1 x SSC Staff 1 x Visiting Teacher</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Flying Fox				Staff numbers	Total students	Student Ratio	Staffing	2	20	1 : 10	1 x SSC Staff 1 x Visiting Teacher
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