



# Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	ORIENTEERING
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 – Orienteering Room, Camp Grounds

**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																
A student/s leave camp grounds or gets lost.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSC Staff give students a safety briefing before leaving the Orienteering Room which instructs our students to never to cross a bridge, go through gate or over a fence and stay inside the camps boundaries whilst orienteering.</li> <li>SSC Staff always carry a mobile phone and first aid kit which is carried with them while they are supervising the orienteering lesson.</li> <li>The staff -student ratio is 1 staff: 20 students</li> <li>Students are given instructions on how to read orienteering maps.</li> <li>Students are provided with map of orienteering course.</li> <li>Students are instructed to come back to designated orienteering room if uncertain.</li> <li>SSC Staff are on constant supervision and cycling around the Orienteering courses during lessons.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Minor	Unlikely	Low												
A student is hurt during the orienteering lesson leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>SSC Staff always carry a mobile phone and first aid kit which is carried with them while they are supervising the orienteering lesson.</li> <li>SSC Staff are on constant supervision and cycling around the Orienteering courses during lessons.</li> <li>Students are briefed on possibility of encountering snakes on course and appropriate action if required.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low												
Unsafe conditions occur during lesson caused by severe weather elements leading to serious injury .	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>S.S.C Staff assess weather conditions at the time of the activity. If lightening imminent, students will be cleared of the course immediately.</li> <li>Assessment of weather conditions by staff will be considered following protocols including -DEECD weather warning, SES warning the manager instruction and staff weather assessment.</li> <li>Staff to continually monitor weather throughout activity.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Major	Rare	Medium												
A student is exposed to prolonged periods in the sun leading to sunburn.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are encouraged to drink plenty of liquids during orienteering lessons.</li> <li>All students wear a hat to protect them from the sun.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Minor	Unlikely	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"> <thead> <tr> <th colspan="4">Orienteering</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</td> <td>1 : 20</td> <td>1 x SSC Staff</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>					Orienteering				Staff numbers	Total students	Student Ratio	Staffing	1	20	1 : 20	1 x SSC Staff
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