



Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	LOW ROPES COURSE
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 – Low Ropes 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 a LRC element landing awkwardly caused by poor/no spotting leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Students are instructed always land on their feet and to bend knees when landing (if possible). Students are instructed in spotting technique before any child participates <u>Spotting technique includes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Watching the participant continually Having hands placed in readiness to assist by taking weight and preventing fall. Being aware of vulnerability of the participants head and back to injury. Soft-fall surface is maintained within 2 metres of all elements, to a depth of 200mm 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off a LRC element landing awkwardly caused faulty structure or rigging to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> All rigging is independently inspected annually. 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Medium											
Pivotal Post. Strike by pivoting post.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Permanent staff teacher is at this element. Children are 'outside' element behind fence. Teacher and participant cooperate to ensure activity conducted safely. 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off the Tarzan Swing Trolley leading to serious injury.	<u>Tarzan Swing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Child instructed to take weight and swing with arms bent. Spotters assist child if required. 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off the Cargo Net leading to serious injury.	<u>Cargo Net</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children to have 3 points of attachment. Children instructed to not have hands above 2nd highest rung[s]. Spotters move with child along element. 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off the Postman Walk leading to serious injury.	<u>Postman Walk</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children instructed to push rope away from self. Spotters walk with child along element. 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off an element of the Tyre Swing leading to serious injury.	<u>Tyre Swing</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Children step from tyre at ground level on to swinging tyre. Transfer from tyre to tyre, judging distance and swing. Spotters move with child along element. 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
The student falls off the Wild Woosey leading to serious injury.	<u>Wild Woosey</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Teacher supervises this activity 2 Spotters are used in this activity 1 x Teacher & 1 x Students Teacher and participant cooperate to ensure activity conducted safely 	Satisfactory	Moderate	Unlikely	Low											
Supervision- 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">Low Ropes Course</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>1 x SSC Staff 1 x Visiting Teacher</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Low Ropes Course				Staff numbers	Total students	Student Ratio	Staffing	2	20	1 : 10	1 x SSC Staff 1 x Visiting Teacher
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