



# Somers School Camp – Risk Assessment

Activity	INITIATIVE ACTIVITIES
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 – Initiative Activities Room

• **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 an Initiative Activities element landing awkwardly caused by poor/no spotting leading to injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Visiting Teacher undertake induction, run by a SSC Staff, outlining the structure of the lesson and correct safety procedures.</li> <li>Students are instructed in spotting technique at start of lesson.</li> </ul> <u>Spotting technique includes:</u> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Watching the participant continually</li> <li>Having hands placed in readiness to assist by taking weight and preventing fall.</li> <li>Being aware of vulnerability of the participants head and back to injury.</li> <li>Soft-fall surface is maintained within 2 metres of all elements.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low											
The student falls off the Tarzan Swing leading to serious injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Students are instructed to take weight and swing with arms bent when swinging on rope.</li> <li>Spotters assist child if required.</li> <li>Landing platform padded to ensure soft landing area.</li> </ul>	Satisfactory	Moderate	Rare	Low											
<u>Supervision-</u> 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">Initiative Activities</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 Visiting Teacher</td> </tr> </tbody> </table>				Initiative Activities				Staff numbers	Total students	Student Ratio	Staffing	1	20	1 : 20	1 x Visiting Teacher
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