

Human Impact on a River Ecosystem Excursion Risk Management Plan

Name of School:..... Name of Principal:..... Description and Location of Excursion: River Ecosystem: Bellinger River Date of excursion:.....	Group/class:.....Number of students in group/class:..... Name of excursion Co-ordinator:.....Signature:..... Contact number:..... Accompanying staff / volunteers:.....
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Activity	Hazard Identification Type/cause	Risk Assessment Use Matrix	Elimination or control Measures	Who	When
Coach transport to and from	-Hit by vehicle -Squashed getting on	6 2	Meet group at staging area at school Mark roll as getting on Make sure the vehicle is appropriate for the group Clarify and then enforce rules for safe conduct	All Teachers	Prior
Assess river health by testing water quality parameters and habitat condition	-Bites/stings -Slip/trip on/near river bank -Exposure to chemicals while testing water -Fall into water, mud, trees and/or rocks -Becoming isolated -Sunburn -Dehydration	4 4 4 6 2 4 2	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Students to wear hat, long sleeved shirt, apply sunscreen, and carry water - Carry first aid kit, mobile phone and extra water - Instruct the group prior on the need for safety. - Proper handling of water test kits. - Everyone must have enclosed footwear, old shoes or water shoes - Have a staff: student ratio better than 1:15. - No taking specimens and minimal handling of live specimens - Students not to enter the water - Refer to Material Safety Data Sheets (MSDS) as needed 	All Teachers All	Note In Class In Note

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Communicated to principal: Y / N **Teacher associate check and sign:.....**

Monitor and Review- Monitor the effectiveness of the controls and change if necessary. Review the risk assessment if an incident or a significant change occurs

Please Note:

This document was developed in consultation with the NSW Department of Education and Training school excursion policy. Teachers making **RISK ASSESSMENTS** as part of School Excursion Planning should note that The National Marine Science Centre **cannot make the assessment for you**. Teachers must make their own risk assessment based on the information provided. Please contact the National Marine Science Centre on 02 66 483 917 if you have any questions.