

This Risk Assessment Covers the Following Activities:

Canoeing Students will learn how to paddle a canoe and need to work together to steer and travel across dam.

Ratio: One instructor and 1 attending group staff per 12 participants on the water

Age Suitability: Grade 4 and above- wind dependant for younger grades

Type of activity: Water Based

Location: Ewen Maddock Dam

Benefit of activity: Team Work, Communication, recognising different abilities in people, personal challenge (following the ‘Challenge by Choice’ principle), fun

This risk assessment matrix is used as a guide to assess the inherent risk levels in each Hazard.

Likelihood		Consequence				
		1 Insignificant	2 Minor	3 Moderate	4 Major	5 Critical
5	Almost Certain	Medium	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
4	Likely	Low	Medium	High	High	Extreme
3	Possible	Low	Medium	High	High	High
2	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High
1	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Low	Medium

RISK ASSESSMENT						
Hazard	Risk Detail	Risk Assessed			Control Measure	Adjusted Risk
		L	C	RR		
Equipment Equipment Safety and Use				N/A	Other Hazards are Covered in The GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT	
Environment Weather & Site Conditions/ Hazards	Aquatic environment activity: drowning	Unlikely	Critical	High	Every participant will be wearing a PFD on the water. Instructor will go through safety on the water and what to do in case of capsizing. Challenge by choice is an option in this activity. Instructor will have throw bag in their canoe for rescues.	Medium
	Allergy to water and plants	Unlikely	Major	Medium	Students with allergy issues will be advised to dress appropriately to prevent exposure e.g. full arm length rash vest and pants. Students have option not to participate to eliminate risk. School staff will have appropriate first aid measures ready for students with allergies.	Low
People Pre-existing injury or significant medical or behavioural conditions				N/A	Other Hazards are Covered in The GENERAL RISK ASSESSMENT	