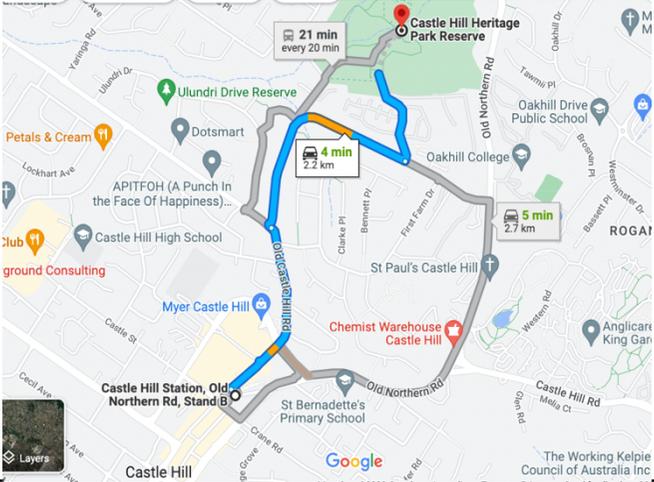


Excursion details: Heritage Park, Castle Hill		
Date(s) of Excursion	27 th September 2022	Excursion destination
		Castle Hill Drive, Castle Hill. NSW. 2154
Departure and arrival times	Depart Centre: 9:45am Arrive at venue : 10:10am (Via Castle Hill Bus depot/exchange) Depart venue: 2:00pm Arrive back at NOOSH: 2:30pm	
Proposed activities	Travel by hired bus Participating in sport, playing on the play equipment, exploring the gardens, walking paths, heritage features and educational information.	Water hazards? Yes/ No If yes, detail in risk assessment below.
Method of transport, including proposed route	Catch a hired bus from NOOSH Centre Via the Castle Hill bus Exchange - Head north-east on Old Castle Hill Rd towards Eric Felton Street, travel 750 metres - At the roundabout, take the 2nd exit and stay on Old Castle Hill Rd for 1km - Turn left onto Heritage Park Dr <u>Travel time on bus approx. 4 minutes</u> NSW does not require seat belts on the bus but seatbelts will be used if available on the bus.	
		
Name of excursion co-ordinator	Kerri Wickenden	
Contact number of Excursion Co-ordinator	(M) 0409 457 578	(M) 0437 712 178

Number of children attending excursion	Intended: 40	Number of educators/parents/volunteers	4
Educator to child ratio, including whether this excursion warrants a higher ratio? Please provide details.	1:10 (1 Extra educator due to children with disability/special needs)		
Procedures for: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Leaving the centre - Entering and exiting the bus - Entering the venue - Leaving the venue - Entering and exiting the bus - Returning to the centre Including accounting for children at all times.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - Prior to the excursion children are divided into groups with an educator assigned to them (max. 10 children per educator) - A roll call is conducted prior to the children leaving the NOOSH building. The excursion coordinator is to ensure they know the number of children who are in our care. - Each educator accompanies their group to the bathroom area, with educator waiting outside. The educator ensures all the children in their group are in their care before walking them to the bus. - The educator counts the children in their group onto the bus. - A roll call is conducted before the bus departs, with another educator conducting a headcount of all children on the bus. - As we alight from the bus a headcount is conducted. The bus is checked for any remaining children and items. - We then walk to our destination, with the educators working to ensure the children in their group are with the group at all times. An educator is stationed at the front, leading all the children to the destination, and another at the back to ensure all children are safe. Educators are encouraged to conduct their own group headcounts as we transition. - On arrival at our destination a roll call is conducted with another educator conducting a headcount of all children. - Educators are to ensure that they have knowledge of where the children in their group are at all times. - Prior to exiting the venue another roll call & headcount is conducted. - We then walk to our bus, with the educators working to ensure the children in their group are with the group at all times. An educator is stationed at the front, leading all the children to the destination, and another at the back to ensure all children are safe. Educators are encouraged to conduct their own group headcounts as we transition. - The educator counts the children in their group onto the bus. - A roll call & headcount is conducted before the bus departs. 		

	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> - When the bus stops to let us off a headcount is conducted. The bus is checked for any remaining children and items. - We then walk to NOOSH, where a roll call & headcount is conducted.
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Excursion checklist	
<input type="checkbox"/> First aid kit	<input type="checkbox"/> List of adults participating in the excursion
<input type="checkbox"/> List of children attending the excursion	<input type="checkbox"/> Contact information for each adult
<input type="checkbox"/> Contact information for each child	<input type="checkbox"/> Mobile phone / other means of communicating with the service & emergency services
<input type="checkbox"/> Medical information for each child	<input type="checkbox"/> Other items, please list

Risk assessment					
Activity	Hazard identified	Risk assessment (use matrix)	Elimination/control measures	Who	When
Travel on bus from Normanhurst Centre to Heritage Park Via Castle Hill Bus exchange/ Metro train station depot	Children injured during bus travel	Moderate	Educators to initiate conversation with bus driver to ensure bus driver is not intoxicated or otherwise incapacitated from driving a bus.	First Educator on bus	On travel & arrival to the venue
		Moderate	If the condition of the bus itself is considered dangerous we will not go ahead with the excursion	First Educator on scene	

		Moderate	Ensure children are sitting in their seats at all times, and are not distracting to the bus driver. Nobody is to move around the bus while the bus is in motion	All Educators	
		Moderate	Road accident en route to venue: If the accident is not serious: On regular road keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so. If not, move children to a safe location on footpath or grass area that is safe and protected from oncoming traffic. Contact centre and Manager as soon as possible.		
		Moderate	If the accident is serious: Move those able to walk away from the scene of the accident to a safe location. This will need to be assessed at the time. Assess casualties and administer first aid as best you can until emergency help arrives. Call '000' and cooperate with emergency services at all times. At least one Educator (if possible) to accompany children to hospital until parents arrive. Contact centre and Manager as soon as possible. – Educator at service will begin contacting parents		

Disembarking from Bus into carpark areas	Slips, trips, falls, collisions	Moderate	<p>Mechanical Breakdown Low } Keep children safe by staying on the bus if it is safe to do so. } If not move children to a safe location protected from oncoming traffic, sun and heat. } Educators to supervise children to avoid danger until problem is fixed or replacement bus arrives</p> <p>Walk children, 2 lines in close groups Educators positioned at front, middle and ends of groups Constant head counts, and checking on children Educators to communicate with one another and the children</p>	All Educators	
	Child may wander/ abscond	Moderate	Educators to communicate with one another and the children	All Educators All Educators & Children	
	Child may be struck by vehicles	Moderate	Request bus driver drop us in a safe out of the way place in the carpark. Educators to stand watching incoming/outgoing traffic and stop vehicles if necessary. Educators to usher children to the nearest safe (grass) area for headcounts to ensure children are safe.	Educators	
Entering Heritage	Trips, slips, falls, Medical emergency,	Moderate	Maintain children close in groups. Close supervision	All Educators All Children	Whilst entering the park

	First aid required		Educators encourage children to listen and implement appropriate behaviours		
Walking around Heritage Park	Trips, slips, falls, injuries, illness	Moderate	An educator to lead each group as per child:educator ratio Ensure each member of the group walks, not runs, and stays within sight of an educator Educators to choose flat surfaces to walk across and to warn children of potential trip hazards such as tree roots, leaves	All educators All children, educators	Whilst walking around On the day
	- Risk of collision while walking	Moderate	Supervise children carefully, ensuring that they leave adequate space between them and other children	All educators	On the day
	Risk of children running/walking into obstacles	Moderate	Ensure children do not leave the group, keep children away from obstacles/hazards that may possess risks	All educators	On the day
	Children passing one other	Moderate	Children to be aware of their surroundings and to 'give way' to others	All educators and children	On the day
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	Getting hands/feet caught in and under materials/objects	Moderate	Children to be aware of branches 'snapping' back towards them as they are held by others	All educators and children	On the day
	Risk of needing to evacuate the area due to fire etc. and children not knowing where to go	High	Ensure children walk carefully and avoid obstacles	Educators	On the day
	Medical emergencies	High	Let the staff know of the best ways to safely evacuate the children	Educators	On the day
	First aid required				
	Missing child	High	Have plans and medication accessible to be used for children with asthma and anaphylaxis conditions Educators will carry small first aid kits on them	Responsible person on the day	On the day
			Educators will conduct regular roll calls and head counts of their individual groups & communicate this to the coordinator	The Coordinator & educators	On the day
			Educators will have a walkie talkie to communicate to other staff whilst at the venue	All educators	
			Educators will supervise tracks to ensure children do not leave the area	All educators	

			Educators will ensure children will not interact with the general public. They will check the bathrooms before the children enter, and will wait outside until the children are done.		
Participating in sport activities	Social/emotional well-being	Low	Children to listen to instructions and follow accordingly	Educators & Children	On the day
	Handling of equipment	Low	Children are instructed how to handle equipment appropriately and with respect	Educators & Children	
	Playing soccer/sports	Moderate	Ensure children are playing sports in a sensible and responsible way.	Educators	On the day
Ensure that there are no trip hazards and the soccer area is safe to play on.			Educators		
Ensure that children are playing against children who are not too much bigger than them.			Educators	On the day	
Ensure game is modified so that children are not injured through tackling.			Educators and children		
Eating lunch and recess	Risk of sunburn	Moderate	Children to be seated in the shade while eating to reduce risk of sunburn. Sunscreen to be regularly reapplied.	Educators	

	Risk of allergies	Moderate	Ensure that no people nearby are eating foods the child is allergic to, and ensure that any child with allergies is not given food that they are allergic to.	Educators	
Playing at the playground	Risk of injury	Moderate	Escort children to age appropriate areas of the playground so they are not playing on equipment beyond their ability Ensure children know how to use equipment properly through explaining how to use unknown equipment to children Ensure children are being sensible on the equipment and are using it in an appropriate way through careful supervision. Ensure children do not walk/jump on walls/rocks nearby and are playing on the equipment the way it was designed to be played with	Educators Educators Educators Educators	
Environmental Impacts & Emergency Evacuation	Extreme Weather conditions (including heat stress, sun burn, storms, high winds), Fire / floods, emergency crisis/situation	Moderate	Seek shade/shelter where appropriate Give time for children to be safe and secure	Educators & Children	Preparation before Excursion & During excursion

Using the toilets & hand washing	Children using toilets at the venue Missing child Health & Hygiene	Moderate Moderate High Moderate	An Educator to check toilet areas for any hazards before children enter If the gender of that educator is not able to check the toilets. Send 2x older more responsible children to check whilst the educator waits right outside of toilet area Children to go in small groups of same gender Regular head counts and roll calls Educators to walk children in groups at a time and remain near toilet block area until children have finished Children to always communicate with educators about going to and from the toilets. Excursion Coordinator to ensure antibacterial wipes and hand sanitiser is taken on all excursions and provided to children at times of washing hands.	All educators All children	Whilst using toilets and hand washing areas
Eating & drinking	Allergy & Food intolerances Choking, illness, vomiting	Moderate – High	Ensure educators, children & families are aware of our Food & Nutrition Policy Ensure families are regularly provided with information about food and nutrition	The Coordinator Educators Parents/families Children Volunteers	Before the excursion, during the excursion & after the excursion

	Anaphylactic reactions		<p>Ensure children are seated down whilst eating or drinking</p> <p>Regularly update information of children with anaphylaxis/allergies/intolerances and cultural requirements.</p> <p>Ensure each educator and volunteer is aware of the medical and dietary list/info of each child.</p> <p>Staff are trained in First aid, anaphylaxis and allergy awareness.</p> <p>Ensure all staff are appropriately supervising children when eating and drinking.</p> <p>Medication for children with allergies /asthma is available on excursion.</p> <p>Staff to ensure that children have filled water bottles. Staff to ensure children continue to top up/re-fill their water bottles throughout the day.</p>	<p>Educators</p> <p>The Coordinator & educators</p>	
Sun Protection & Dehydration	Sunburn / burns/ infections / illness Sun stroke, dehydration	Moderate	<p>Check temperature & UV rating of the day at intervals the commencement of the day, lunch time and prior to 3pm.</p> <p>Ensure that Educators, volunteers & families are aware of our Sun Safety Policy</p>	<p>The Coordinator</p> <p>Educators</p>	<p>Before leaving the centre & during the excursion</p>

			<p>Ensure families pack hats for their children each day</p> <p>Ensure children wear hats as necessary or stay under the shade if UV is over 3</p> <p>Provide shelter where necessary</p> <p>Regularly ensure children have opportunity to get a drink of water</p> <p>Ensure children still get opportunity of some sun exposure for Vitamin D levels (UV rating checked with this)</p> <p>Sunscreen will be applied throughout the day</p> <p>Ensure children have brought their water bottles</p>	<p>Parents/families Children Volunteers</p> <p>Educators</p>	
Covid-19	<p>Illness, infections, hospitalisation, death of child/educator/adult</p> <p>Community surroundings</p>	Moderate - High	<p>Ensure Educators & Families are aware of our Covid-19 Policy & procedure</p> <p>Maintain communication between NSW Health department, Department of Education, ECED and any other relevant organisation in relation to Covid-19</p> <p>Ensure information of Covid-19 and any practices are updated as new information becomes available</p> <p>Ensure all such important information and factsheets are available & /or displayed for educators /parents /families and visitors to view</p>	<p>Coordinator</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Families and children</p>	Throughout the whole day

			<p>Educators & families are updated with any new information / updates on Covid-19</p> <p>Ensure that there are no children, educators or adults that enter the premises if they have been in contact with anyone that has had symptoms or are currently displaying any related symptoms</p> <p>If children or adults present during the day as unwell, they will be set aside from others. For a child: their parent will be contacted to collect them as soon as possible. For an adult: they will be asked to leave the centre to seek further medical advice.</p> <p>All adults/Visitors/volunteers are to adhere to all Covid-19 rules and practices as per prescribed from the NSW government</p> <p>Children will be given regular hand washing routines throughout the day, dependant on activity and what they are exposed to</p> <p>Antibacterial wipes, hand soap, paper towels and hand sanitiser will be available to all.</p> <p>Educators are strongly recommended to wear PPE including gloves & face masks where necessary</p>		
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			<p>Educators are to ensure supervision of children using hand sanitiser (as it is alcohol-based)</p> <p>A routine cleaning list is created in the centre and all educators are to complete the cleaning tasks and schedule.</p> <p>Educators are given opportunity to reflect and bring about new information in relation to our Covid-19 practices</p>		
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Plan prepared by	Kerri Wickenden	Date	26/9/22
Prepared in consultation with:	Rachel Warner		
Communicated to:	All staff prior to excursion		
Venue and safety information reviewed and attached	Yes / No Comment if needed:		
Reminder: Monitor the effectiveness of controls and change if necessary. Review the risk assessment if an incident or significant change occurs.			

Risk Matrix

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	Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
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Poss ible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
Unli kely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High