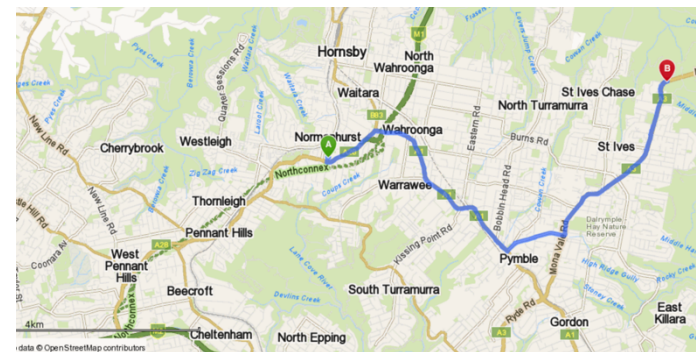


Excursion details: Ku-ring-gai Council Wildflower Gardens			
Date(s) of Excursion	Thurs, 3 rd October 2024	Excursion destination	Ku-ring-gai Wildflower Gardens. 420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives. 2075
Departure and arrival times	Depart Centre: 9:15am Arrive at venue : 9.45am Depart venue: 2:10pm Arrive back at NOOSH: 2.45pm		
Proposed activities	Travel by hired bus Participating in bush walking , survival skills such as building outdoor shelters, looking at bush tucker, watching a fire being lit, and learning about indigenous culture.	Water hazards? Yes/ No If yes, detail in risk assessment below.	
Method of transport, including proposed route	Catch a hired bus from NOOSH Centre to Wildflower Gardens, St Ives Normanhurst Public School, Normanhurst Rd Normanhurst NSW 2076 Head at end of Normanhurst Road -32 m Turn left onto Normanhurst Rd, Normanhurst After 1.3 km, Turn left onto Pennant Hills Rd, Normanhurst After 4.2 km, Continue along Pacific Hwy, Wahroonga After 1.3 km, Turn left onto Telegraph Rd, Pymble After 4.3 km, Turn left onto Mona Vale Rd, Pymble Arrive at Mona Vale Rd, St Ives 420 Mona Vale Rd, St Ives, NSW <u>Travel time on bus approx. 25mins</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	0437 712 178		
Number of children attending excursion	Intended: 40	Number of educators/parents/volunteers	5
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)		
<p>Procedures for:</p> <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 <p>Including accounting for children at all times.</p>	<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 venue	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	
			Ensure children are sitting in their seats at all times, and are not distracting to the bus driver.	All Educators	

		Moderate	Nobody is to move around the bus while the bus is in motion		
		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 and walking to venue	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		
	Slips, trips, falls, collisions	Moderate	Walk children, 2 lines in close groups Educators positioned at front, middle and ends of groups Constant head counts, and checking on children	All Educators All Educators All Educators & Children	
	Child may wander/ abscond	Moderate	Educators to communicate with one another and the children	Educators	
	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 Education/Visitor area while being conscious that we will need to walk via shared road and that vehicles can travel down our route at any time		
Entering the Wildflower Gardens	Trips, slips, falls, Medical emergency, First aid required	Moderate	Maintain children close in groups. Close supervision	All Educators All Children	Whilst entering the gardens, bush areas

			Educators encourage children to listen and implement appropriate behaviours		
Walking around the venue , on uneven surfaces/pathways, tracks, bush steps etc.	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	All educators All children	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 the water	Moderate	Ensure children do not leave the group, keep children away from the water	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
	Getting hands/feet caught in and under materials	Moderate	Children to be aware of branches 'snapping' back towards them as they are held by others Ensure children walk carefully and avoid obstacles	All educators and children All educators and children	

	Risk of needing to evacuate the area due to fire etc. and children not knowing where to go	High	Let the staff know of the best ways to safely evacuate the children	Educators and Rangers/staff	On the day
	Medical emergencies	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	Educators and Rangers/staff	On the day
	First aid required				
	Missing child	High	Educators will conduct regular roll calls and head counts of their individual groups & communicate this to the coordinator Educators will have a walkie talkie to communicate to other staff whilst at the venue Educators will supervise tracks to ensure children do not leave the area	Responsible person on the day	On the day
			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.	The Coordinator & educators All educators	On the day
				All educators	
Participating in "Survival Skills" programs & activities	Social/emotional well-being	Low	Children to listen to instructions and follow accordingly	Educators & Children	On the day

	Handling of nature, and differing items	Low	Children are instructed how to handle nature & items appropriately and with respect	Educators & Children	
Participating in bushwalking & stick-building activities	Social/emotional well-being	Low	Children to listen to instructions and follow accordingly	Educators & Children	On the day
		Low	Rocks near pathways – children may be tempted to climb and fall/scrape themselves – children are supervised carefully to ensure they do not climb up the rocks	Educators & Children	
	Moderate	Children may be tempted to go to the edge of rocks and may slip Educators to closely supervise children	Educators	On the day	
	Low-Moderate	Children to listen to instructors & rangers. Children to keep sticks/branches at waist level and use as appropriately instructed.	Educators & Children	On the day	
	Moderate	Plants near children – spikey plants are near walkways – encourage children to not touch the vegetation	Educators and children	On the day	
	Injury to face/eyes, other body parts from large sticks/twigs/branches	Low	Children may be spat at/bitten by an animal /insect/bug– supervision of children		

	Flora & Fauna in the area		undertaken to ensure all children are safe, rangers to instruct children about being careful around animals.		
Environmental Impacts & Emergency Evacuation	Extreme Weather conditions (including heat stress, sun burn, storms, high winds), Fire / floods, emergency crisis/situation	Moderate	Follow Ku-ring-gai council/Wildflower Garden's Emergency Action Plan Seek shade/shelter where appropriate Give time for children to be <u>calm</u> , safe and secure	Educators & Children Bush rangers/ staff	Preparation before Excursion & During excursion
Using the toilets & hand washing	Children using toilets at the venue Missing child	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	All educators All children	Whilst using toilets and hand washing areas

	Health & Hygiene		<p>Children to always communicate with educators about going to and from the toilets.</p> <p>Excursion Coordinator to ensure antibacterial wipes and hand sanitiser is taken on all excursions and provided to children at times of washing hands.</p>		
Eating & drinking	<p>Allergy & Food intolerances</p> <p>Choking, illness, vomiting</p> <p>Anaphylactic reactions</p>	Moderate – High	<p>Ensure educators, children & families are aware of our Food & Nutrition Policy</p> <p>Ensure families are regularly provided with information about food and nutrition</p> <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>The Coordinator</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Parents/families</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>The Coordinator & educators</p>	Before the excursion, during the excursion & after the excursion

			Medication for children with allergies /asthma is available on excursion.		
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>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>-</p>	<p>The Coordinator</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Parents/families</p> <p>Children</p> <p>Volunteers</p> <p>Educators</p>	Before leaving the centre & during the excursion
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>Coordinator</p> <p>Educators</p> <p>Families and children</p>	Throughout the whole day

Ensure information of Covid-19 and any practices are updated as new information becomes available

Ensure all such important information and factsheets are available & /or displayed for educators /parents /families and visitors to view

Educators & families are updated with any new information / updates on Covid-19

Ensure that there are no children, educators or adults that enter the premises if they have been in contact with anyone that has had COVID-19 symptoms or are currently displaying any related symptoms

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.

All adults/Visitors/volunteers are to adhere to all Covid-19 rules and practices as per prescribed from the NSW government

Children will be given regular hand washing routines

			<p>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> <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	30/8/24
Prepared in consultation with:	Rachel Warner & Jane Air		
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

		Consequence				
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Catastrophic
L i k e l i h o o d	Alm ost cert ain	Moderate	High	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Likel y	Moderate	Moderate	High	Extreme	Extreme
	Poss ible	Low	Moderate	High	High	Extreme
	Unli kely	Low	Low	Moderate	High	High
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Moderate	High