

SCHOOL EXCURSIONS AT POCKET CITY FARMS

RISK MANAGEMENT INFORMATION

Child safety at Pocket City Farms during excursions

We recognise that safety is a shared responsibility during these sessions. However, please note that Duty of Care lies with the attending school and teachers supervising on the day and at all times.

Hazard identification	Risk mitigation + reduction measures
<p>Weather // Extreme weather conditions, rain, hail, heat, wind etc.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Check weather forecast the day before excursion is booked. ▪ Ensure children are prepared for weather conditions. This includes wearing appropriate clothing and having adequate sun/rain protection. ▪ During the warmer months and especially in extreme heat, ensure children have refillable water bottles. ▪ We will modify activities if extreme weather conditions are scheduled. ▪ There are sheltered areas where sessions can take place.
<p>Movement around the farm // The program involves lots of moving around the farm and weaving in and around vegetable beds.</p> <p>Trip hazards</p> <p>Wandering off</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure closed footwear is worn when attending. ▪ Ensure students are aware that this is a productive vegetable farm and they are to walk in between vegetable beds. ▪ PCF staff members will always warn children whether a trip hazard is close by. Constant reminding of being aware whilst walking will be reiterated. ▪ Students on excursion must be subject to direct adult supervision and should not be allowed to 'go off on their own'. ▪ The number of teachers to accompany the students for each excursion is to be determined by the principal. Decisions about the number of students and teachers should take into account factors such as the age of the students, their maturity, the location of the excursion, specific needs of students, anticipated behaviour and the nature of the activities to be undertaken.
<p>Animals, insects + plants // Potential risk of bites, stings and allergic reactions.</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Prior to the excursion, set clear behavioural expectations. Children should not be tasting vegetables or herbs unless given permission. ▪ There is a restaurant and café located on site and people bring their dogs and sit outside with them. There is also a farm dog



	<p>here most days. Ensure children do not approach unknown dogs and pat them.</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Being a diverse ecosystem there are many insect visitors including bees and wasps. Identify allergies prior to attending the farm. If there are children with allergies ensure they have their appropriate medication with them. ▪ Be prepared with a first aid kit. There is also one on the farm. ▪ PCF staff are up to date in e-anaphylaxis training.
Child protection //	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ PCF staff have compliant police checks and up to date Working with Children Check.
First aid // Allergies Accidents/medical emergencies	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Principals should ensure that individual health care plans for students with health care needs or disabilities include provision for the management of such conditions on excursions. ▪ Ensure you bring a first aid kit with you. ▪ Ensure all students have appropriate medications specific to their needs (asthma puffer, epipen, diabetes medication) ▪ Have as many first aid qualified supervisors attending the excursion.
Traffic hazards // We are located on a busy road and are a block away from Parramatta Rd.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Ensure bus drop offs and pick-ups take place on Pidcock St. This is a quieter street just off Mallett St. ▪ Ensure students stay on the footpath as they walk to the entrance of Camperdown Commons. ▪ Ensure there is adequate supervision as students are walking along the footpath. ▪ If using public transport and along Parramatta Rd ensure strict expectations are voiced the day before and of the excursion to avoid any wandering onto the road or standing too close to the edge while waiting for traffic lights. ▪
Hygiene // Children will be getting their hands dirty as many activities involves planting and working on the farm. Food preparation is also included in some sessions.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ▪ Clear expectations set of washing hands before handling food. ▪ Ensure students wash their hands after using the toilet. ▪ PCF has a wash station. ▪ Ensure students with allergies have adequate protection.

