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Beach Kinder Risk and Benefits Register – Updated March 2021

Committee Members and staff have developed this document and it is to be monitored and updated regularly. We are keen to incorporate any ideas and suggestions or concerns not already addressed in the risk register. Please contact the Beach Kinder Representative, Kathrin Beck, by sending an email to director@blackrockpreschool.com.au or discuss with the staff.

Nature Kindergarten Program Details

Program: Black Rock Pre School Beach Kinder (off-site native area and beach program)

Sessions: Fortnightly/ or 3-weekly for all groups, 10am-12pm (most sessions), the times could range between 9am-2pm depending on the weather. Hotter days; likely sessional times 9am-11am, and cooler days, likely sessional times 12pm-2pm. Staff to confirm.

Responsible: Staff in charge / Responsible Person on Duty

Dates: During school term, refer to detailed report for exact dates, fortnightly 4yr old groups/ every 3wks for 3yr old group

Program Site: Black Rock Beach and the foreshore Nature Path, beach length and boundary for the program is between Balcombe Road & Beach Road Roundabout, up to the point of Glenmore Crescent, Black Rock

Travel: All children will walk to the Program Site, Either will walk along Bluff Road through the Black Rock Village, or Walk along Gordon Crescent, left into Beach Road, cross over Sylvia Crescent and; Then cross over at the lights on Bluff Road to the Black Rock Beach, near the Black Rock Life Saving Club.

Activities: The program will include exploration walks and play along the beach and the Nature Trail environment – sand areas and rock platforms, exploration of the nature reserves, storytelling, learning about the first Peoples Conservation projects.

Emergency: Black Rock Pre School: 9598 1479, Kathrin Beck (Nominated Supervisor): 0468 381 050, Bayside City Council mainline number 95994444 who will pass the message onto (Damien Carr): 9599 4305

Emergency Response Strategy: Immediately start first aid DRSABCD (Danger, Response, Send for help, Airways, Breathing, CPR, Defibrillation) One educator to stay with patient. **Use of BRLSC for a base & shelter Monday-Friday 9am-5pm.** First aid kit to be checked regularly. Ambulance phone: 000 (Closest entry access point Black Rock Life Saving Club) Sandringham Hospital: 193 Bluff Road, Sandringham Ph: 9076 1000

Beach Kindergarten Procedures and Protocols

Equipment to take: First aid kit, emergency asthma kit, EpiPen in insulated bag, charged mobile phone, small container for sharps, emergency contact numbers of parents current on each visit, medical details incl. allergy information and asthma plans, sunscreen, whistle, water, wet weather



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gear, magnifying glasses, clear buckets, resource books.

Assessment of Weather: A decision will be made on the day as to whether we will proceed with the program due to weather conditions, ie. UV >3, wind, lightening, hail. If cancelled a notification will be placed on EDUCA.

Appropriate Clothing: Closed shoes for rock platforms and hard surfaces. When on the sand children will be able to remove their shoes (but must be able to attempt to put back on when leaving) Clothing to protect from sun. BRPS will provide hats, windproof bright yellow identification jacket and wet weather pants. **No swimming will be allowed during this program, splashing their feet in the rock pools or on the edge of the water will be determined by staff member / responsible person on duty.**

Informed consent: Must be given in writing and signed by the parents or guardians. Families will be provided a handbook outlining the purpose of the program and relevant information, incl. maps of whereabouts.

Risk assessment						
Activity	Hazard identified/ Risk	Risk assessment	Elimination/ existing control measures	Who / When	Treatment	Benefit
Water play. Children are close to water ways (deep water, tides, big and strong waves)	Drowning	Low	The educators have spoken to the children about the boundary when at the beach, strictly setting the rules that no one is allowed to swim in the water, we only swim at the beach with our parents. An adult will always be present when children are close to any water, splashing of feet or in rock pools will be determined by each staff member. Children will be provided with	Parents, Staff and Children Duration of the program, when on the beach foreshore.	First Aid procedures Access to rest and wait in the Black Rock Surf Life Saving Club during program hours Call Ambulance Co-operate with Emergency Services Remove Children away Call parent/ guardian	Children aware of water safety and how to behave near water. They will learn to watch and assess the wave activity.



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			<p>information on rules and hazards when near the water, including listening for the whistle or verbal commands as well as visual commands.</p> <p>When close to the water staff will examine the conditions of the waves and determine the activities that will be appropriate (splashing of feet or exploring small rockpools) or the route that is the safest when walking along the beach.</p> <p>Limited time on the beach in the sun in the hotter months to prevent temptation to go near the water.</p>		<p>Notify Bayside Council</p> <p>Request additional assistance</p> <p>Complete incident report and notify DET</p> <p>Organise de-brief and support for family, staff and children as necessary</p>	
Walking to and from the Beach Foreshore and Beach Path	Road hazard, Child hit by a car	Low	<p>The educators have spoken to the children about road safety and associated risk.</p> <p>Children walk in pairs and hold onto an adult where possible.</p> <p>The 3yr old group hold a rope to all stay close together.</p> <p>We all cross at the Black Rock Village set of traffic lights to ensure all vehicles have stopped for safety.</p> <p>Professional Development through - Early Learning</p>	<p>Parents, Staff and Children</p> <p>At the beginning and the end of the Beach kinder session Anytime from 9am-11.45am10am and 11:45am.</p> <p>Ongoing discussion with children and staff.</p>	<p>First Aid procedures</p> <p>Call Ambulance</p> <p>Co-operate with Emergency Services</p> <p>Remove Children away</p> <p>Call parent/ guardian</p> <p>Request additional assistance</p> <p>Complete incident report and notify DET</p> <p>Organise de-brief and</p>	Children Learning road safety by practicing the skills.



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			Association Australia (ELAA) - Starting Out Safely, has been requested to update the staff on ways to educate Road Safety.	Risk assessment and BRPS Beach Kinder guidelines are given out to each new family helper. A laminated copy is at the sign in book at the commencement of each session.	support for family, staff and children as necessary Access to rest and wait in the Black Rock Surf Life Saving Club during program hours	
Dogs off leash	Dog bites, balled over by/fear of dogs causing psychological damage	Moderate	<p>Most children have been pre exposed to dogs by introduction at local parks or as family pets.</p> <p>Staff will teach children to stand still, with their arms by their side if approached by a dog. This will be practiced as a drill on going.</p> <p>Adults will be aware of dogs in the area and stay on guard between the children and dogs.</p> <p>A sign will be on display for dog walkers and the general community of who we are and what we are doing.</p> <p>Vic State Government Dept. of Environment and Primary Industries Pet Awareness Education Program incursion for 4 YO groups and a pet awareness</p>	<p>Parents, Staff and Children</p> <p>Dog drills practiced fortnightly.</p>	<p>First Aid procedures</p> <p>Access to rest and wait in the Black Rock Surf Life Saving Club during program hours</p> <p>Remove Children away</p> <p>Call parent/ guardian</p> <p>Notify Bayside Council</p> <p>Complete incident report and notify DET</p>	<p>Children learn animal respect, empathy and understanding. Children become comfortable but aware of risks of unknown dogs and pets.</p>



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			incursion with a local Therapy Dog and owner for 3YO group visited in Feb 2019 to educate the children of how to react safely around dogs. **			
Nature Play	(Risk 1) Bruises, scratches, minor cuts, nose bleeds, bumps	Moderate	Education and discussions with children about safe play practices (appropriate/inappropriate ways to use a stick) Constant adult supervision and intervention where required to remind children of the safety rules.	Parents, Staff and Children On going	First Aid procedures/ Access to rest and wait in the Black Rock Surf Life Saving Club during program hours	Children learn about risk and consequences of taking risk. Access to the rich outdoors fulfills children's need for excitement and provides safe avenues to explore risks
Nature Play	(Risk 2) Broken bones, sprains, cuts requiring stitches, other injuries requiring medical attention	Moderate	Stocked First Aid Kit and operational mobile phone carried at all times. All staff trained to their required qualification level of First Aid. Pre-activity assessment, staff will consider students skills and experience and ensure that the activity is suitable for the group. Children preferences will be provided and will take into account the season and location of the activity. Shoe wear will be discussed with the families and	Parents, Staff and Children On going	First Aid procedures Call Ambulance Co-operate with Emergency Services Remove Children away Call parent/ guardian Notify Bayside Council Request additional assistance Complete incident report and notify DET Organise de-brief and support for family,	Active outdoor play helps avoid illness associated with reduced activity levels (obesity, cardiovascular, respiratory benefits) Children have opportunity to engage in active play that requires large motor movements, unmatched in any



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			children.		staff and children as necessary	other environment. Minor injuries allow children to develop resilience and ability to assess their behaviour and evaluate what they would do in the same situation next time. These strategies help them when faced with serious risk and complicated challenges in the future. Risk taking fosters learning.
Weather Extremes	Heat Stroke/hyperthermia/falling branches from high winds/Sunburn/	Moderate	Parents have been given a detailed list of what to bring their child in all weather conditions and where these items can be purchased. Beach Kinder will be cancelled if: Weather is forecasted or reaches 32 Degrees Celsius or the UV index reaches 8 or if winds are forecasted or reaches 40kmph, if it is forecasted to hail or have lightening strikes,	Staff, parents Daily pre assessment. All families will be notified via Educa of cancellation of any Beach Kinder sessions.	Cancel session if extreme weather conditions are considered too hazardous. Advise parents if children appear sunburn or heat affected.	Children to experience all weather conditions. Children to learn about the changing /evolving of nature and that connection to weather and changing of seasons. Learn about habitats and



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			<p>and if at any time the educators feel it is unsafe to remain at Beach kinder.</p> <p>If the UV forecast to reach 3, children are required to wear hats and parents are reminded to add sunscreen before program commencement.</p> <p>The group to quickly move into the Black Rock Life Saving Club for shelter. BRPS given access for storage and shelter use in extreme weather conditions. Children to sit together at the BRLSC under the supervision of the adults.</p>		<p>Access to rest and wait in the Black Rock Surf Life Saving Club during program hours</p>	<p>species survival.</p> <p>Recognise how their bodies are feeling and make appropriate adjustments.</p>
Snakes/ Foxes	Bites/ sighting	Low	<p>Stocked First Aid Kit and operational mobile phone carried at all times.</p> <p>All staff to ensure exploration area amongst trees/ shrubs have been entered via Adults first, stamping loudly.</p> <p>All staff First Aid qualified.</p> <p>If there is a snake sighting, the children, staff and parent helpers are educated to do the following: the person who has first seen the snake (whether child or adult) needs to stop and</p>	<p>Staff, Parents, children.</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>First Aid procedures</p> <p>Call Ambulance</p> <p>Co-operate with Emergency Services</p> <p>Remove Children away</p> <p>Call parent/ guardian</p> <p>Notify Bayside Council</p> <p>Request additional assistance</p> <p>Complete incident report and notify DET</p>	<p>Learning to be wary of other animals in our environment, however, living and playing without fretting.</p> <p>Children to develop appreciation for the creatures who live in the area and how to take care in their environment.</p>



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			very slowly back away from the snake, quietly tell the nearest adult, once safe distance from the snake an emergency whistle is blown (one long, strong blow).			
Insect bites		Moderate	<p>Stocked First Aid Kit and operational mobile phone carried at all times.</p> <p>All staff First Aid qualified.</p> <p>Children are educated on the risk of insect bites and are taught the notion 'look but don't touch'</p>	<p>Staff, Parents, children.</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>First Aid procedures</p> <p>Call parent/ guardian</p> <p>Call Ambulance if severe reaction</p>	<p>Learning respect and empathy for other beings.</p> <p>Science through observation.</p>
Stranger	Stranger Interference	Low	<p>Adult/ child ratio above govt. requirements and constant supervision.</p> <p>Protocol established for kinder staff to model appropriate interactions with other users of beach/ nature land and to limit contact with other parties that could disrupt the program.</p> <p>Signage displayed to alert park users of Beach Kinder Program in progress.</p> <p>High visibility fluoro yellow jackets worn by all children to easily identify whereabouts,</p>	<p>Staff, Parents, children.</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>Call police/ parents</p> <p>Notify Bayside Council</p> <p>Notify DET</p> <p>Access to rest and wait in the Black Rock Surf Life Saving Club during program hours</p>	<p>Learning to act in public and be cautious about their interactions with unknown people.</p>



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			with BRPS contact details attached.			
Child getting lost/ separated from the group.	Child getting lost	Low	<p>Adult/ child ratio above regulation level, and constant supervision.</p> <p>Program planning, selection of appropriate location and familiarising children with their local beach and nature path.</p> <p>BRPS contact phone number attached to children’s clothing.</p> <p>Children to be taught procedure if lost – stay in one place (do not move) and call out.</p> <p>Response to whistle call, to return to teachers immediately.</p> <p>Regular head counts, rest stops and babying ?with an adult.</p>	Children On going	<p>First Aid procedures</p> <p>Call Ambulance</p> <p>Co-operate with Emergency Services</p> <p>Remove Children away</p> <p>Call parent/ guardian</p> <p>Notify Bayside Council</p> <p>Request additional assistance</p> <p>Complete incident report and notify DET</p> <p>Organise de-brief and support for family, staff and children as necessary</p>	<p>Gaining responsibility for themselves and others to ensure they can see an adult and stay close while in public spaces.</p> <p>Children are aware of the boundaries.</p>
Needle stick injury	Risk of HIV or other blood borne viruses	Low	<p>Staff to walk around beach site and walk ahead on path trail to sight any needles.</p> <p>Any syringes are removed using tongs and placed securely in a sharps container. If unable to retrieve, contact Bayside City Council.</p> <p>All to wear protective shoes at</p>	<p>Staff, Parents, children.</p> <p>On going</p> <p>Especially conscious after rain near drain exit on the beach</p>	<p>Flush the area with flowing water</p> <p>Wash the wound well with soap and hot water</p> <p>Put antiseptic on the wound with a waterproof Band-Aid</p>	<p>Awareness to dangerous items that can create harm and serious injury’s</p>



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			<p>all times</p> <p>Children to be taught never to pick up any needle if seen.</p>	<p>foreshore, which is currently outside our boundary, but close to the boundary.</p>	<p>Call parent/guardian</p> <p>Seek medical attention</p> <p>Retrieve the needle in sharps container</p> <p>If the needle can not be retrieved, mark the area so others are not at risk</p> <p>Complete incident report and notify DET</p>	
Toxic Rubbish	Dangerous of? toxic/ dangerous rubbish i.e. Asbestos	Low	<p>The council regularly maintains site to identify dangerous rubbish</p> <p>Staff to inspect the area prior to children starting their nature play to identify any hazard</p>	<p>Staff, Parents, Children</p> <p>On going</p>	<p>Contact Bayside City Council to carry out risk management strategy.</p>	<p>Understanding not to touch unknown rubbish, harm to own health</p>
Covid 19	Risk of exposure to Covid 19	Low	<p>There is no beach Kinder during Stage 3 and Stage 4 restrictions</p> <p>Stay amongst the group, no contact with others.</p> <p>Ensure facilities at the beach are accessible</p> <p>Take sanitiser</p>	<p>Staff and Parent volunteers</p>	<p>Washing hands, exclude unwell staff and students. Carry sanitiser.</p> <p>Social distancing when in public areas.</p>	<p>Understanding importance of hand washing</p>