



Risk Register - Low Ropes

Risk Title and Description	Risk Causes and Consequences	Existing Controls	Current Risk Assessment - with existing controls				Treatment	Target Risk Assessment -after treatments		
			Effectiveness of existing controls	Current Risk Consequence	Current Risk Likelihood	Current Risk Rating		Consequence	Likelihood	Risk Level
Falling Object Description There is a risk of injury to a participant due to a falling object	Causes: Tree fall Branch Fall Consequences Injury, fatality	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Trees in the low ropes area assessed annually by arborist Monitor weather prior to and during the activity Cancel or modify activity as per internal school weather protocol 	Effective	Severe	Rare	Medium				
Falling from Low rope element Description There is a risk of injury to a participant due to a falling from the low rope element	Causes: Loss of balance Loss of grip Poor Spotting Consequences Injury	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Under no circumstances are students to participate in any Low Ropes Activity without full staff supervision and safety spotters (student and/or staff) supporting their involvement in the Activity Proper spotting technique is taught at the commencement of Low Ropes 	Effective	Moderate	Possible	Medium				

<p>Manual Handling</p> <p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to moving and lifting equipment</p>	<p>Causes: Poor Spotting technique</p> <p>Consequences Injury</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Staff are to fully supervise & ‘Spot’ students at all times ● Students & Staff are instructed on correct ‘Spotting’ Techniques & Communications at the Low Ropes introduction ● Students MUST practice & demonstrate safe ‘Spotting’ at introduction ● While student are encouraged to ‘Spot’ each other on each Low Ropes Element – there ‘Spotting’ MUST BE fully supported by a School or Blackwood Staff member at all times ● Students who refuse to ‘Spot’ or are not willing to ‘Spot’ safely will not participate in any Low Ropes Activity ● Ensure that the ‘Spotter’ & participant are similar in size & weight 	Effective	Moderate	Possible	Medium				
<p>Slips and Trips</p> <p>Description: There is a risk of injury to a participant due to slips and trips</p>	<p>Causes: Tripping over low rope element</p> <p>Tripping over on uneven ground</p> <p>Running during activity</p> <p>Consequences Injury</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Students are reminded that they must be careful when walking in the area and watch out for the activity equipment when walking:- Ropes, Wires, Poles, Tyres ● Students are reminded that this is not a competitive activity and that they are to walk at all times ● Large sticks and obvious tripping hazards within the direct low ropes element area to be removed prior to activity 	Effective	Minor	Likely	Medium				

<p>Environment</p> <p>Description: There is a risk that a participant is injured due to weather that may impact on activity</p>	<p>Causes: Hit by lightning</p> <p>High winds</p> <p>Wet and cold weather</p> <p>Consequences Injury, Fatality</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Monitor weather prior to and during the activity • Cancel or modify activity as per internal school weather protocol • Participants to wear clothing appropriate to weather conditions • Staff trained and aware of Emergency Response Plan in the event of a bushfire and/or severe weather event. 	Effective	Severe	Rare	Medium				
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