

TEMPLATE CHILD SAFETY RISK REGISTER



Responsible staff member: Madelyn Meyland Office Manager

Approved by school principal:

Register name: Child safety risk register

Date reviewed: Mar 2020 Next review due: Mar 2021

Location(s): 53 Kallista-Emerald Road, THE PATCH VIC 3792

Risk Title & Description	Risk Causes & Consequences	Existing risk management strategies (existing controls)		Current Risk Assessment	New risk management strategies (treatments)	Who is responsible?	Date of new risk management strategies (treatments)	
Define the risk including a title and a short description What can go wrong?	Describe the risk cause/s and consequence/s What would cause it to go wrong? (causes) What are the impacts if it does go wrong? (consequences)	Describe any existing policy, procedure, practice or device that acts to minimise the risk What is in place now that reduces the likelihood of this risk occurring or its impact if it did occur?	Current Risk Consequence How big would the impact of this risk be if it occurred? (choose one)	Current Risk Likelihood How likely is this risk to occur? (choose one)	Current Risk Rating What is the current risk level based on the risk rating matrix (below, page 9)?	Describe the actions to be undertaken for those risks requiring further treatments	List who is responsible for each new treatment (noting that the principal is ultimately responsible)	The date the treatment action should be completed by
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Risk short description There is the risk of a child safety incident in an online environment	Online child safety issues (including grooming) via media services:	 School online policy and procedures, including Digital Technologies policy Child Safety Code of Conduct Use of school 'Acceptable Use Agreement' Use of an internet filter where required Use of Interactive Learning Modules regarding bullying Appropriate supervision for all online activities Response protocols implemented Ongoing awareness of the school's online policies and procedures Ongoing review of control effectiveness and improvements instigated as required. Child safety code of conduct Strategies developed to embed culture of child safety Cyber safety policy Bullying policy 	Moderate Possible	Medium	 Train students and staff to identify inappropriate behaviour (including grooming) and indicators of abuse, and escalate concerns Develop strategies to deliver appropriate education to students (see A Guide to Support Victorian Schools to Meet Child Safe Standard 7 and Empowerment and participation of children) about: standards of behaviour for students attending the school; healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality); resilience; and child abuse awareness and prevention. Become an eSmart School Prepare curriculum plans that explicitly teach safe, responsible and ethical online behaviours. Organise for the school to take the Bully Stoppers pledge 	Principal, School Council Chair

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Risk Title Contractor(s) on the premises commit abuse Risk short description There is the risk that contractors commit abuse	Causes School fails to monitor who is on the premises Lack of supervision Contractors not aware of school arrangements Lack of background checks on contractors Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	 The Visitors in Schools policy is followed where appropriate Screening checks, including working with children checks or referee checks Visitor and contractor sign-in process, perimeter control (SPAG – Visitors in Schools) Signage at school office clearly directing visitors to reception child safety risk management strategies are adopted as appropriate. Adequate monitoring Sign in Procedure Contractors are annually inducted (OH&S and Child Safety Code of Conduct signed) WWCC/VIT sighted 	Moderate	Inlikely		 Raise topic in staff meetings. Awareness sessions for students. Refresher training for frequent contractors. All contractors supervised whilst on school grounds. Staff trained to question unaccompanied visitors on school premises. 	All Staff
Risk Title School staff member or volunteer commits abuse	Causes • Circumvention of proper pre- employment procedures, including no background/suitability checks	The DET Recruitment in Schools guide is followed, including appropriate screening	Moderate L	Inlikely	Medium	Ensure that staff are regularly reminded of their child safety obligations and undergo refresher training	Principal Hiring Manager

Risk short description

There is a risk that a school staff member commits abuse

- A non-compliant recruitment process
- Non-compliance with relevant policies and procedures including conflict of interest policy
- Unethical behaviour
- Lack of child safety culture

Consequences

- Child safety incident occurs
- Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities
- Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school
- Physical or psychological injury
- Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues
- Criminal penalties:
 - Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence,
 - Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme
- Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870
- Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care
- Litigation / adverse court ruling
- Reputation damage (School/Department)
- Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments

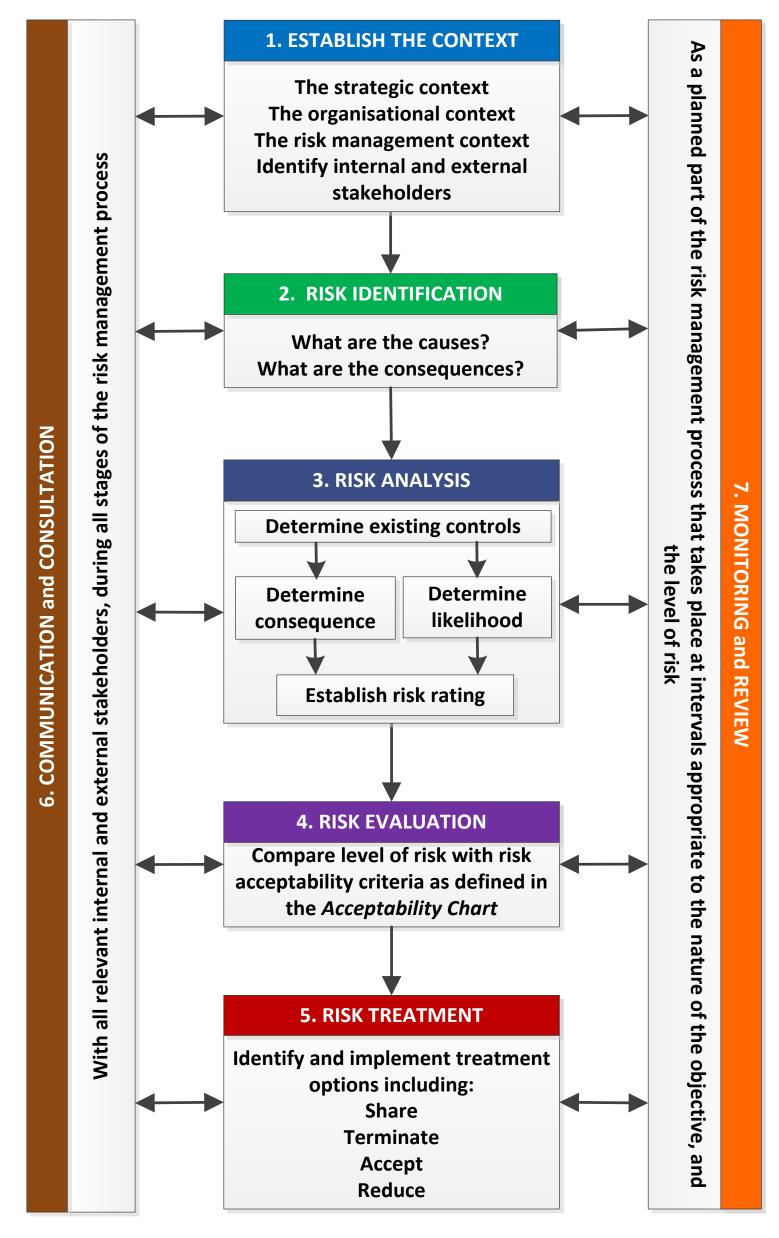
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- Child safety <u>Code of</u> <u>Conduct</u>
- 3. Child Safety Policy
- 4. <u>Suitability Checks for</u> <u>School Volunteers and</u> <u>Visitors</u>
- 5. Visitors policy is followed
- Performance and development and review processes with regular feedback to provide opportunities to discuss any concerns
- 7. human resources practices for child safe organisations are implemented
- 8. Staff management practices as highlighted in the HRWeb Workforce Planning policy are in place
- Regular staff meetings and Principal 1:1 meetings with staff
- Manager Assist telephone advisory service
- 11. If required refer to HRWeb <u>Complaints</u>, <u>unsatisfactory</u> <u>performance and misconduct</u>
- 12. School duty of care
- 13. <u>child safety risk</u>
 <u>management</u>
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- Thorough induction process
- 3. Leadership model child safe culture
- 4. Appropriate and inappropriate behaviours are discussed regularly at staff meetings so that staff are empowered to escalate concerns
- 5. Principal <u>Performance</u> and <u>development</u>
- 6. Ongoing monitoring and review of staff and student work practices and behaviours for 'warning signals' and indicators of abuse see <u>Identifying and Responding to All Forms of Abuse in Victorian Schools</u>
- Child safety standard discussion item on School Leadership Team meetings and staff meetings.
- 8. Ensure all school mandatory reporters (and other school staff if possible) undertake the Protecting Children Mandatory Reporting and other Obligations online module annually
- 9. Develop strategies to deliver appropriate education to students (see A Guide to Support Victorian Schools to Meet Child Safe Standard 7 and Empowerment and participation of children) about:
 - a. standards of behaviour for students attending the school;
 - healthy and respectful relationships (including sexuality);
 - c. resilience; and
 - child abuse awareness

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Risk Title Child safety incident at excursions and camps Risk short description There is a risk that a child safety incident occurs whilst on excursions and camps.	Causes Lack of awareness of local conditions (unknown people and environments) School fails to monitor who is in vicinity of school camps / excursions Lack of supervision Inappropriate student behaviour Failure to consider child safety risks Lack of appropriate risk management practices in place for recreational or other activities Consequences Child safety incident occurs Underreporting of child safety incidents to relevant authorities Inappropriate behaviour not reported within school Physical or psychological injury Stress for all personnel involved, which could lead to occupational health and safety issues Criminal penalties: Failure to Report and/or Failure to Protect offence, Penalties under the Reportable Conduct Scheme Non-compliance with minimum standards/Min Order 870 Breach of duty of care/organisational duty of care Litigation / adverse court ruling Reputation damage (School/Department) Community dissatisfaction and distrust over perceived child safety neglect, which could lead to drop in school enrolments	1. Appropriate school approvals for excursions/camps including risk assessment 2. Team Leader(s) upon arrival at commercial camp sites conducts briefing with camp site authorities/staff to confirm site arrangements or any updates regarding local conditions 3. Team Leader(s) following briefing with authorities brief teaching / support staff of any updates 4. Staff and volunteers conduct area familiarity upon arrival at venue 5. Staff to student ratios are observed 6. Regular student head counts 7. All staff members at the camp or excursion have been trained in what to do when an allegation of child abuse is made 8. Recording your actions: responding to suspected child abuse template is readily available to all staff 9. child safety risk management strategies are adopted as appropriate 10. Volunteer screening / suitability checks are undertaken in line with the school's Volunteer Policy, including for homestay providers. 11. Code of Conduct applies in all school contexts.	Medium	 Team Leader(s) to conduct an end day (each day) debrief to identify any issues arising and to lead the development of treatment solutions. Specific child safety briefing for excursion/camp staff and volunteers Avoid staff members/volunteers being alone with students Child safety considered when determining sleeping arrangements. 	All Staff

	3. Application for funding		Professional learning around inclusion support	
			3. Diagnoses specific	





Risk can be described as anything; event, practice, process, activity, etc. that could hinder or help achievement of stated goals or objectives.

Consequence Criteria: This guide provides indicative terms against which the significance of risk is evaluated.

Descriptor	Student Outcomes	Wellbeing and Safety	Finance	Reputation	Operations	Strategic
Insignificant	Educational outcomes, engagement and wellbeing and pathways and transitions can be met with workarounds	Minor injury requiring no first aid or peer support for stress / trauma event	Small loss that can be absorbed	Internal impact (no external impact)	School operations continue with slight interruptions to normal activities	Goals, targets and key improvement strategies can be delivered with inconsequential impacts
Minor	 Educational outcomes, engagement and wellbeing and pathways and transitions achieved but below targets 	 Injury / ill health requiring first aid Peer support for stress / trauma event 	 Loss of 'consumable' assets, < 2% deviation from budget Minor fraud possible 	Adverse comments local community media Short term stakeholder dissatisfaction / comment	 Some school operations disrupted Minor workarounds return school to normal operations 	Minor workaround need to be implemented to deliver the SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies
Moderate	 Students' overall levels of Literacy and Numeracy static Increasing truancy Partial achievement of targeted pathways and transition 	 Injury / ill health requiring medical attention Stress / trauma event requiring professional support 	 Loss of assets 2% - 5% deviation from budget External audit management letter 	 External scrutiny e.g. VAGO Adverse state media comment Stakeholder relationship impacted 	 Key school operations temporarily disrupted School leadership team meets to return school to normal operations 	Constant consultation with key stakeholders needs to be maintained to deliver the SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies
Major	 National targeted improvements not achieved Partial achievement of targeted learning outcomes Student dissatisfaction with access to pathways / transitions 	 Injury / ill health requiring hospital admission Stress / trauma event requiring ongoing clinical support 	 Loss of significant assets 6% - 15% deviation from budget External audit qualification on accounts High end fraud committed 	 External investigation Adverse comments national media Stakeholder relationship tenuous 	 Whole of school operations disrupted Assistance sought from Regional Office 	Significant adjustment to resource allocation and service delivery required to deliver SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies
Severe	 Literacy and Numeracy decline Student engagement and connectedness to the school and their peers is very poor Declining number of student options for pathways and transitions 	 Fatality or permanent disability Stress / trauma event requiring extensive clinical support for multiple individuals 	 Loss of key assets >15 % deviation from budget Systemic and high value fraud 	 Commission of inquiry National front page headlines Stakeholder relationship irretrievably damaged 	 Normal school operations cease School evacuated Regional Office notified 	 SSP goals, targets and key improvement strategies cannot be delivered Changes need to be made to the SSP

Likelihood Criteria: This guide provides the indicative terms against which the probability of a risk event occurrence is evaluated.

Descriptor	Description	Indicative %	Indicative Frequency			
Almost Certain	Expected to occur	>95%	Multiple times in the next year	Note: 1. The Likelihood Criteria refers to the likelihood of		
Likely	Probably will occur (no surprise)	66-95%	At least once in the next year	the consequence descriptor you have selected i.e. the likelihood of a 'major' consequence.		
Possible	May occur at some stage	26-65%	Once in the next 3 years	2. The Indicative Frequency may not be relevant		
Unlikely	Would be surprising if it occurred	5-25%	Once in the next 5 years	 when assessing risks related to repeated activities or when objectives are to be delivered over discre- periods of time. It should not be the sole basis for assessment. 		
Rare	May never occur	<5%	Once in the next 10 years			

DET's Control Effectiveness: Indicates the self-assessment of control effectiveness.

Controls Effective	Controls Effectiveness Rating and Criteria								
Ineffective	 The design of controls overall, is ineffective in addressing key causes and/or consequences. Documentation and/or communication of the controls does not exist (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.). The controls are not in operation or have not yet been implemented. 								
Needs Improvement	 The design of controls only partially addresses key causes and/or consequences. Documentation and/or communication of the controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) are incomplete, unclear or inconsistent. The controls are not operating consistently and/or effectively and have not been implemented in full. 								
Acceptable	 The design of controls is largely adequate and effective in addressing key causes and/or consequences. The controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) have been formally documented but not proactively communicated to relevant stakeholders. The controls are largely operating in a satisfactory manner and are providing some level of assurance. 								
Effective	 The design of controls is adequate and effective in addressing the key causes and/or consequences. The controls (e.g. policies, procedures, etc.) have been formally documented and proactively communicated to relevant stakeholders. The controls overall, are operating effectively so as to manage the risk. 								

DET's Risk Rating Matrix: Used to combine consequence with likelihood to determine the overall level of risk.

Risk	Rating Matrix	Consequence							
		Insignificant	Minor	Moderate	Major	Severe			
	Almost Certain	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme	Extreme			
ро	Likely	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme	Extreme			
Likelihood	Possible	Low	Medium	Medium	High	Extreme			
Lik	Unlikely	Low	Low	Medium	Medium	High			
	Rare	Low	Low	Low	Medium	Medium			

DET's Acceptability Chart: Used to decide whether the risk is acceptable, based on the rating calculated.

Extreme = Unacceptable (must have Principal / School Council / Regional Office oversight)	Immediately consider whether the activity associated with this risk should cease. Any decision to continue exposure to this level of risk should be made at Principal / School Council / Regional Office level, be subject to the development of detailed treatments, on-going oversight and high level review.
High = Tolerable (with ongoing Principal Class Officer review)	Risk should be reduced by developing treatments. It should be subject to on-going review to ensure controls remain effective, and the benefits balance against the risk. Escalation of this level of risk to Principal Class Officer level should occur.
Medium = Tolerable (with frequent risk owner review)	Exposure to the risk may continue, provided it has been appropriately assessed and has been managed to as low as reasonably practicable. It should be subject to frequent review to ensure the risk analysis remains valid and the controls effective. Treatments to reduce the risk can be considered.
Low = Acceptable (with periodic review)	Exposure to this risk is acceptable, but is subject to periodic review to ensure it does not increase and current control effectiveness does not vary.