

## ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES POLICY

*The Currajong School takes a zero-tolerance approach to child abuse and is fully committed to ensuring that its strategies, policies, procedures and practices meet all **Child Safe Standards as specified in Ministerial Order No. 870 (2015)***

### DEFINITION

An adventure activity is an activity that involves greater than normal risk and may involve:

- travel into an area of the country in which vehicle contact is difficult and/or uncertain
- confrontation with natural environmental challenges requiring greater reliance upon personal resources than would normally be required in day-to-day life
- less than normal contact, by person or by telephone, with medical and other public services available in day-to-day life
- exposure to the natural elements with less than the normal physical protection provided in day-to-day life

Activities considered to be Adventure activities may include:

- abseiling walls/ artificial climbing
- bush walking/orienteering
- canoeing/kayaking
- recreational swimming/surfing
- challenge ropes courses
- cycling
- horse riding

### REQUIREMENTS FOR ADVENTURE ACTIVITIES

Adventure activities require the prior written approval of the Principal and must follow all planning, approval and consent guidelines in The Currajong School's policy document '*Excursions and Off-Site Activities*' with consideration given to the following factors:

- planning and approvals
- venue selection
- safety, emergency and risk management
- informed consent from parents
- medical information

- appropriate staffing and supervision
- transportation
- student preparation and behaviour support plans
- requirements for specific adventure activities
- Child safe practices
- Occupational health and safety
- Covid safe management plans

In addition to The Currajong School's own risk assessment, a further risk assessment, as well as proof of relevant insurances, should be provided by any organisation specialising in adventure activities engaged by the School.

## EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as per our three-year review cycle or more often if necessary due to changes in regulations or circumstances.

Approval date:	Approved by:	Next review:
October 2021	School Board	October 2024



The Currajong School acknowledges the traditional owners of this country throughout Australia and their continuing connection to land and community. We pay our respects to them and their cultures and to the Elders past, present and emerging.