

Archaeological Dig Risk Assessment

Potential Hazard	Who is at risk?	Risk rating	Risk impact	Preventative measures	Responsibilities
Sun exposure and dehydration	Students and teachers/carers.	Low	Low	Stay to the shaded areas Lunch breaks in the shade Suggest students and staff have hats, water bottles and hats	Students and teachers responsible for hats, sunscreen and water. Guides responsible for staying in the shade when possible.
Inappropriate tool use can cause injury	Students	Low	Low	Rules on appropriate behaviour and expectations to be given. First aid to be available.	Students and teachers to be responsible for behaviour of students.
Wildlife hazards: a) Insect bites b) Spider bites c) Snake bites	Students and teachers/carers.	a) Moderate b) Moderate c) Low	a) Moderate b) Moderate c) High	Students and staff to have insect repellent. Relevant first aid kit to be carried. Phone access to emergency contact	Students and staff responsible for having insect repellent and first aid kit.
Allergic reactions	Students and teachers/carers.	Moderate	High	Students and staff to be aware of the possibility and carry their appropriate care measure i.e. ventolin, any prescribed medication, epipen etc.	Students and staff to carry what is needed.
Trip and fall hazards	Students and teachers/carers.	Moderate	Moderate	Warnings at all hazardous areas. Expectations of appropriate behaviour to be conveyed. Closed in shoes to be worn.	Teachers are to maintain student behaviour. Students are responsible for appropriate behaviour and their shoes. Guides will inform students and staff of hazardous areas.
Natural hazards	Students and teachers/carers.	Low	Low	Warnings to be given in potential problem areas. Avoidance of known problems areas.	Guides will inform of known problem areas. Students to be aware of their surrounding and maintain appropriate behaviour.
Heavy lifting	Students and teachers/carers.	Moderate	Moderate	Rules in place for carrying heavy objects.	Students to be responsible for own behaviour and choices in what to carry.