

## **Risk Assessment for Student Activities**

### **Underlying Principles**

Curriculum activity risk management forms part of a school's overall risk management framework.

The risk management of curriculum activities involves the identification of hazards, assessment of risks, control of these risks, and review of control measures.

### **Definitions**

Acceptable level of risk – an acceptable level of risk exists when the outcomes expected to be achieved in undertaking an activity justify doing the activity, given the level of risk. Residual risk is the level of risk remaining after the controls have been put in place.

Controls/control measures – Actions implemented to eliminate or minimise a risk as far as is reasonably practicable. Control measures should be regularly reviewed to gauge their effectiveness.

Duty of care – Under common law, those responsible for activities must take reasonable care to avoid foreseeable risks of injury, for example:

- making sure that activities are safe and appropriate for students' ages and abilities
- ensuring students are properly instructed and prepared for the activities
- ensuring all equipment is in a safe condition
- providing adequate supervision.

### **Policy**

1. Immanuel Gawler will have in place a procedure for assessing student activities which present any level of abnormal risk.
2. This will be monitored by School Administration.
3. The school will adhere to DECD specifications in relation to staffing ratios for all off site activities.

### **Resources**

Immanuel Gawler 'Camps and Excursions Handbook'  
Education and Early Childhood Services (Registration and Standards) Act 2011  
Work Health and Safety Act 2012  
Australian Standard AS 4360  
Risk Management ISO 31000:2009  
DECD – 'Camps & Excursions Guidelines for Schools and Preschools'