



## **RISK ASSESSMENT**

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| <b>Potential Hazard</b>                 | <b>Activity Risk</b> | <b>Injury Risk</b> | <b>Procedures in Place to reduce risk</b>   |
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| Sprains/Strains                         | Medium               | Low                | Checks are done on the sand before commencement of activities, holes filled in and the flattest and safest area of sand is chosen. Sticks and debris are removed.   |
| Marine Stingers (including Bluebottles) | Medium – High        | Low                | Instructors have checked the conditions on the day. If situation changes and is not acceptable participants will be removed from the water. Any student allergies to bee stings and/or bluebottle stings should be passed on to Coordinator prior to the day so instructors can be made aware. Epi Pens should be brought with the student if applicable. |
| Fractures/Dislocations                  | Medium               | Medium - High      | As per 'Sprains/Strains'. The use of soft-top boards for water work will reduce the risks to students from the boards.  |
| Cuts/Abrasions                          | High                 | Low                | As per 'Fractures/Dislocations' and "Sprains/Strains"   |
| Burns (Sunburn)                         | High                 | Medium - High      | Sun screen is provided and is to be applied prior to the session. Breaks will be regularly scheduled for students to reapply throughout the day. Shade tents are available at all sessions.   |
| Dehydration                             | Low – Medium         | Medium             | Students need to bring water bottles and there will be breaks at regular intervals to allow rest and water intake. Water will be available to refill bottles.   |

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| Hypothermia/Hyperthermia                       | Low    | Medium – High | Instructors will be aware of the conditions on the day and put into place specific procedures as applicable. Shaded areas are used, regular water breaks and/or less water activities may be involved in inclement weather.   |
| Head/Spinal Injuries (including – concussions) | Low    | High          | Dangerous conditions will stop activities, including 'plunging/dumping' waves or large waves on the edge  |
| Mouth/Teeth Injuries                           | Medium | Medium        | The use of soft-top boards for all water work will reduce the risks.  |
| Drowning/Near Drowning                         | Medium | High          | Staff ratios for all aquatic activities will help to prevent this occurring. Participants will be required to wear coloured arm bands to indicate swimming ability (ability is assessed by the school prior to the day). Instructors will utilise the safest area of the beach for all activities. Participants are to wear the highly visible rash vests provided. |
| Shark Attack                                   | Low    | High          | Instructors as well as Beach Lifeguards will be on lookout for this occurrence, and will put emergency response procedures in place. All participants must obey immediately if instruction is given to leave the water.   |