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## Safety guidelines and risk management for:

*Whale out of Water marine education program –*

**Location:** Host School

### The program educational content:

- Provide positive role models through the delivery of an exciting and memorable marine education experience.
- Engage the students about the incredible marine environment around Port Phillip Bay
- A clear understanding of positive and negative impacts we can have on marine habitats.
- The unique marine life of Victoria
- How human impacts effect marine ecosystems
- What can we do to make a positive impact on the environment?

### Program brief

The session will be 90 mins long with a multi- media presentation on and then time spent inside the whale itself. Participants will be able to handle real whale and dolphin specimens to learn more about the incredible cetaceans we have on our doorstep

### Safety Brief

All students will be asked to walk into the space where the whale is set up. When handling fragile or spiky artefacts, the students will be guided how to handle them appropriately

### Manageable risks:

***Slips, trips and falls*** – The risk is very low. The whale door is narrow and so participants will be guided how to get in and out safely.

***Significant medical issues***- Schools staff will notify DRI of any medical issues which maybe relevant to a student's/teacher's participation in the activity prior to the day. School staff will be responsible for the participant's management with the support of DRI staff in accordance with school policy.

***Inappropriate behaviour*** –DRI staff upholds the right to stop the activity if inappropriate behaviour is posing a risk to the group, individual or staff. Behaviour of a racist, sexual, abusive or violent nature towards staff or students will not be tolerated.

## **Child Safety**

The staff at Dolphin Research Institute (DRI) provide a range of educational activities for primary and secondary school students. We are committed to providing a safe environment for all students during these activities. To ensure the safety of students attending our activities DRI maintains the following.

- DRI is committed to child safety.
- We support and respect all children, as well as their teachers and volunteers.
- We are committed to the safety and participation of all children.
- Our Student Ambassador program is designed to provide a range of activities that promote participation and empowerment of the student ambassadors.
- The Education Director is responsible for ensuring that staff are suitably trained for all activities.
- The Education Director is responsible for establishing clear expectations and appropriate behaviour for all DRI staff when working with students.
- If DRI staff have any concerns about a student they will raise the matter with the class teacher.
- DRI staff brief students and teachers/volunteers about the possible dangers and hazards of the activity they are undertaking.
- DRI staff are always accompanied by teachers or adults from the school designated with the responsibility of looking after the students.
- DRI staff do not work alone with individual students.
- All DRI staff working with students have either a current VIT registration or a current Working with Children Check. Copies of these documents are held by DRI's Education Director.

## **Emergency procedure.**

In the event of an emergency DRI will follow any instructions given by school staff

## **Covid Guidelines (subject to change)**

Current capacity limits for indoor gatherings and density limits/social distancing will be adhered to and as advised by the host school. Masks for anyone over 12 where applicable

Equipment will be cleaned between groups or hands will be sanitised before use where sharing equipment is unavoidable.

Names and contact details for attendees will be kept and when using an indoor venue, QR codes will be mandatory