

Assessment of:	Archaeological Dig		
Location:	Mount Cook	Date of assessment:	February 2022
Completed by:	Steve Turner	Expiry Date:	February 2023
Ratio:	1:12 Max	Staff Competencies	Must have internal sign off.
Activities Covered:	Archaeological dig onsite	Specific Emergency Procedure:	Not Applicable

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Slips, Trips and Falls on route to site	Students & Staff: Breaks, Twists, Falls, Sprains	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Close leader supervision during activities and rest periods. Suitable footwear will be worn by the young people. Activity site checked by Mount Cook staff before all sessions and hazards cleared 	Y	Briefing by activity instructor	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Weather Conditions	Exposer to Heat, Cold, Wind and Rain.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Daily weather forecast obtained. Kit list sent to all groups in advance, so all participants have suitable footwear, clothing and equipment to match expected conditions. Activity is cancelled if conditions determined to be dangerous or degrade on session. 	Y	Adequate clothing for activity. Monitoring of weather	Mount Cook and Participants	LOW

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		<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Spare clothing (gloves, hats, coats) available close by. Sun cream if necessary. 				
Hand Tools (trowels, brush)	bruising injuries, Cuts, head injury, eye injury.	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Full safety brief from activity staff, Instruction on correct techniques and supervision of participants. 	Y	Instructor instructions on correct equipment use technique.	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Rough/sharp edges on "finds"	Cuts, abrasions	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Clear instructor brief on care and recovery of finds. Protective gloves worn by participants while digging 	Y	Safety Briefing.	Mount Cook Staff	LOW
Contamination and illness from 'mucky' hands	Stomach illness or infection	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> Safety talk at the start to outline potential hazards. Adequate supervision of the groups Incorporation of hand washing session after activity Gloves worn whilst digging 	Y	Safety Briefing and adequate monitoring	Mount Cook Staff	LOW

Risk Assessment checked by H&S or Line Manager

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