

Health & Safety



The following Health and Safety issues are raised for your information to protect your students while visiting the Dunedin Botanic Garden.

Possible Hazards

The outdoors is an unpredictable place and adult supervisors should be aware of the possible hazards such as: *poisonous plants and berries, water (ponds and creeks), overhanging branches, exposure to cold, sunburn, insect stings, cuts and scratches, falls (e.g. on tree roots), fatigue, wandering off and becoming lost, stranger danger, tools and traffic (carparks, roads, tracks and lawn including tractors and mowers).*

However, the Botanic Gardens is a safe and friendly environment and if the following precautions are taken you can minimise hazards while maximising enjoyment of this unique learning experience:

Supervision

We recommend a first aid kit and mobile phone is carried at all times. Parents should be reminded prior to the visit that they are responsible for the safety of the children under their supervision. When in small groups always keep children together and be on the lookout for any hazards.

Suitable Clothing

Please be prepared for Dunedin's changeable weather. Children must wear sturdy footwear and a jacket. A sunhat and sunscreen are vital on sunny days.

Arrival/Departure

Children must be supervised entering and leaving cars/buses. Please move away from the carpark to the adjacent lawn or paved area as quickly as possible.

Code of Conduct

Plants

Please encourage students to respect the plants so others can enjoy them too. Stay on lawns and paths and please do not pick flowers or leaves. Staff can collect samples for you if you request them in advance.

Bird Aviary

Birds are sensitive creatures and easily frightened. Please encourage students not to shout at the birds or hit cages, a quiet whisper or whistle is more intriguing to a curious bird and will entice them to interact with the students.