

Health and Safety Statement for Horticulture Class:

Welcome to our horticulture class! We want to ensure a safe and enjoyable learning environment for everyone. Please familiarize yourself with the following health and safety guidelines:

- **General Safety:**

- Always follow instructions provided by the teacher and use tools and equipment responsibly.

Wear appropriate protective gear, such as gloves and closed-toe shoes, when handling tools or working in the garden.

Avoid running, horseplay, or any behavior that may cause accidents or injuries.

- **Tool Usage:**

- Handle gardening tools with care, ensuring they are in good condition before use. Report any damaged tools to the teacher.

Use tools only for their intended purpose and follow proper techniques to prevent accidents.

Always carry tools with the sharp edges facing downward, away from yourself and others.

- **Pond Safety:**

- Do not enter the pond or attempt to swim in it at any time.

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- Keep a safe distance from the pond edge to prevent accidental falls. Never lean over the edge unsupervised.

Be cautious of wet or slippery surfaces around the pond area and avoid running near it.

- **Garden Furniture:**

- Use garden furniture for its intended purpose and refrain from climbing, jumping, or engaging in any dangerous activities on or around it.

Ensure that furniture is stable before sitting or leaning on it.

Report any damaged or unstable furniture to the teacher.

- **Hygiene:**

- Wash your hands thoroughly with soap and water after working in the garden, especially before eating or drinking.

Avoid touching your face, eyes, or mouth while working in the garden to minimize the risk of transferring dirt or germs.

- Plant Safety:

- Do not consume any plants, fruits, or flowers without proper guidance from the teacher.

Be aware of any potential allergies or sensitivities to plants and inform the teacher if necessary.

1. Emergency Procedures:

- Familiarize yourself with the location of fire exits, first aid kits, and emergency contact information.

In case of an accident, injury, or hazardous situation, notify the teacher immediately.

Students Must:

- Take reasonable care to protect the safety of themselves and others who might be affected by their actions whilst participating in Horticulture Class.
- Ensure they are not under the influence of an intoxicant, drug or prescription medication that might create a danger to themselves or others
- Co-operate with the Teacher
- Not engage in any improper conduct or dangerous behaviour.
- Attend training and undergo any necessary assessment
- Make correct use of any article or substance provided for use or for the protection of the employee, including protective clothing and equipment.
- Must not conduct any work which might endanger themselves or others
- Notify the Teacher if they become aware that they are suffering from any disease or physical/ mental impairment which affects their performance of work activities which could give rise to risks to the safety, health and welfare of persons at work.

A Student must not:

- interfere, misuse or damage anything provided for the safety, health and welfare of other students or teachers, or
- place at risk the safety, health and welfare of persons in connection with class activities.

Remember, safety is our priority. By adhering to these guidelines, we can create a secure and enjoyable learning environment for everyone in our horticulture class. If you have any questions or concerns regarding health and safety, please don't hesitate to approach the teacher.

Please sign this document to agree to the terms of Health & Safety while taking part in Horticulture Class at Coolmine Community School.

Signature: _____

Date: _____