Dear Parent/Guardian,

Daradgee EEC continues to develop and present unique activities for your students to ensure optimal safety and support your child. Please consider the following.

**Low Ropes and Mohawk Walk (all years)** - Students work cooperatively in small and large groups to traverse elements of a purpose-built ropes course eg. bridges, foot cables, swings and ropes.

**Bouldering (all years)** - low level climbing up to 2.4 metres (m). Students attempt paths along the wall under supervision and with a spotter. This is done without personal climbing safety gear.

**Top roping (year 5+)** - climbing the wall's full height, up to 6m. Students attempt mostly vertical paths under individual adult supervision. Safety harnesses, ropes and belaying equipment are utilized for a supported upward climb and safe lowering to the ground. Any person moving above a height of 2.4m must be wearing appropriate personal safety equipment and on belay.

**The Faulty Towers Challenge (year 6+)** - Two teams of approximately 12 build and climb a tower built from milk crates. Safety harnesses, ropes, belaying equipment and helmets are utilized for a supported upward climb and safe lowering to the ground.

Daradgee has in place these facilities, equipment and procedures to ensure safe participation in climbing activities:

- The construction of all structures and materials as well as all safety equipment being used conform to appropriate safety standards, are in good working order and subject to regular inspection.
- Climbing activities are conducted and managed by experienced/qualified staff.
- All DEEC trained belays i.e. Visiting teachers, parents and high school students participate in and sign off to a thorough induction process.
- All stages of the activities are continually monitored.
- CARAs available for visiting school use.
- In multi-aged classes and small school situations some younger students (ie. approximately one year below) are permitted to participate in the Top Roping and Faulty Towers Challenge, providing the safety equipment fits appropriately and parents provide informed consent.

Suitable clothing includes: shorts (mid length/tights suitable), shirts (able to be tucked in) and enclosed shoes. Alternatives may be discussed with DEEC staff.

The above challenge activities provide a fun, personal challenge and will also help promote team-building skills. We are looking forward to bringing these challenges to our visitors.

Please complete the permission form below and return it to school by the required date.

I understand the activities being conducted by the DEEC and give permission for _____________________________ to participate in Top Roping and/or the Faulty Towers challenge.

Name ___________________________    Signed________________________  Date ______________

Parent/Guardian

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