



Resumption of Height-Based Activities – Communications Deck for Parents

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Enhanced Safety Measures for Height-based Outdoor Adventure Learning Activities



Why participate in height-based outdoor adventure learning (OAL)?

Height-based OAL activities are organised as part of OAL Cohort Camps. E.g. Rock climbing, zip-line, abseiling and traversing challenge courses (also known as ropes courses).

Value Proposition of Height-based activities for outdoor adventure learning

1. These activities present novel, visceral and multi-faceted experiences which cannot be replicated by other camp activities

2. These experiences contribute towards instilling confidence, ruggedness and teamwork in students



For many of the students, the experiences of facing the perceived risks of height and overcoming the various physical challenges feature prominently in their recollections and reflections. These activities are usually the highlight of their camp experiences



Review and Enhancement of safety measures

- MOE has completed an internal review and has implemented a set of enhanced safety measures for the safe delivery of height-based OAL activities for schools.
- MOE has worked with the Ministry of Community, Culture and Youth (MCCY), the National Youth Council (NYC) and industry partners to **review and strengthen** overall quality and **safety standards** in the outdoor adventure education sector.

Key Safety Enhancement Measures – Operation Accreditation



All operators offering height-based activities for MOE students must be accredited regularly by a national sports association or a regional OAL professional body. This is to ensure that their facilities meet safety standards for operation and training.



Schools must engage only **accredited operators** and **qualified instructors recognised by MOE.**

Progressive Resumption of height-based activities

Resuming all height-based activities with effect from 1 February 2023.

Endorsement of MOE's set of enhanced safety measures by the Outdoor Adventure Education (OAE) Council



Abseil and climbing activities resume in full from 1 Feb 2023.



For Challenge Course activities, there will be a reduction of tempo of 50% or less of their normal capacity, in the first two months (Feb- Mar 2023) to allow accredited operators and instructors affected by the suspension to calibrate operations.



Instructors remain operationally ready - skills verification of challenge course certified instructors before operating at MOE schools and OAL Centres.

“Challenge by Choice”

Students participating in a height-based activity are allowed to determine how they wish to participate in the activity based on their own readiness.

E.g. they can choose the level of challenge they wish to engage in these activities.

“Challenge by Choice” is a concept in OAL that involves students deciding on their own, without teacher or peer pressure, to take on a challenge.





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