



Maraetai Beach School

Parent Consent for EOTC Activities - Blanket Permission

Education outside the classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events and activities that occur outside the classroom, both on the school grounds and off-site.

Our students participate in a wide range of learning opportunities within and outside the school grounds. Students, especially senior students, may participate in a wide range of sporting events outside the school throughout the year. All class teachers are encouraged to provide extension and enrichment opportunities for their students. These learning opportunities sometimes require travel outside the school, and may extend outside school hours.

Our school uses a process, which is monitored by the principal and board of trustees, to identify and manage risk for all activity types. The Ministry of Education EOTC Guidelines identify four activity types, each with recommended parent/caregiver consent (as outlined below).

Event Type	Description	Type of consent required (Ministry Guidelines)
A	On-site – in the school grounds	
	Lower risk – e.g. sports day, horticulture, adventure-based learning (ABL) activities, painting murals, measuring for mathematics	No consent required
	Higher risk – e.g. school pool or climbing wall	Blanket consent
B	Off-site – short visits in the local community within school hours	
	Lower risk – e.g. museum, art gallery, botanic gardens, sports and recreation events	No consent or blanket consent
	Higher risk – e.g. aquatic environments (river, beach), cross-country training	Blanket consent or separate consent for each event
C	Off-site – day trips, which extend out of school hours	
	Lower risk – e.g. farm visit; day hike in a local park or in local bush; city visit; train, bus or ferry trip; swimming	No consent or blanket consent
	Higher risk – e.g. skiing, waka ama, rock climbing, swimming in natural environments (beach, river), field trip involving chemicals or heavy machinery	Separate consent for each event and risk disclosure
D	Off-site – multi-day trips further afield	
	Lower risk – e.g. trip to another region; sports tournaments; field trips to urban environments, historic sites, and "front country" (having well-formed tracks)	Separate consent for each event
	Higher risk – e.g. overseas trips; field trips into natural water, bush, or alpine environments, or other hazardous environments (for example, where chemicals, heavy machinery, or other hazards are present); outdoor education camps; outdoor pursuit journeys in the "back country" (for example, biking, tramping, canoeing)	Separate consent and risk disclosure

Staff analyse the risk associated with all EOTC activities, and identify strategies to eliminate, isolate, and/or minimise the risks.

You can read more about our school's **EOTC policies and procedures** on our SchoolDocs site – there is information specifically for parents in a topic called Communicating with Parents.