EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM [EOTC] BLANKET CONSENT FORM

RATIONALE

The Board recognises the value of providing curriculum based learning experiences outside the classroom environment to support the intellectual, social, emotional and physical development of students. EOTC experiences give students opportunities to demonstrate the essential knowledge, skills, values, attitudes and key competencies identified in the National Curriculum (New Zealand Curriculum and Te Maratanga O Aotearoa).

The Board recognises the potential benefits to staff and students through experiencing acceptable risks whilst acknowledging that appropriate safety and risk management of all education outside the classroom is imperative.

DEFINITION

Education Outside the Classroom ("EOTC") refers to those curriculum activities which require the student(s) to leave the school campus as part of their subject or course.

The Ministry of Education's EOTC guidelines identify EOTC activity types, each with recommended types of parental/caregiver consent.

	Activity Type	Description Examples are indicative and not a complete list	Parental Consent
A	**On site – in the school grounds**	(i) Lower risk environments eg: sports day, horticulture, adventure-based learning (ABL)* activities, painting murals, measuring for mathematics. Training courses, on-site vocational courses, data collection., filming	Blanket consent on enrolment
		(ii) Higher risk environments eg: school pool or climbing wall.	
B	**Off site – short visits in the local community within school hours**	(i) Lower risk environments eg: museum, art gallery, botanic gardens, sports and recreation events, community service (Salvation Army), visits to rest homes/hospital, refereeing/coaching courses	Blanket consent on enrolment
		(ii) Higher risk environments eg: aquatic environments (river, beach), cross-country-run training (Sports team training and games away)	Blanket consent on enrolment

All EOTC activity categories require staff to be aware of the risks and management strategies and to comply with the College Outdoor Education Policy. Emergency procedures are also in place.

Signing the form will reduce the number of permission slips required throughout the year.

Activities that carry a higher risk will require individual consents. If you choose not to sign the blanket consent, permission will be required for all activities outside the classroom.