



Blanket Consent form (Added to the school enrolment forms)

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events and activities that occur outside the classroom, both on school grounds and off site. This includes sports.

Our school believes in using a range of environments and experiences to enhance our students' learning. We have ready access to the beach, rivers, mountains, and the bush in our area and beyond. We are also close to various built environments in our community. These areas are rich learning environments for our students both in and out of school. They need to learn how to be safe. Our school also values the concept of providing students with opportunities. Thus some of the learning for students occurs beyond the school site and this document is seeking your consent for your child/ren to participate in such learning

All EOTC activity categories require staff to undertake an analysis of the risks, and identify the management strategies required to eliminate, isolate and minimise the risks. Emergency procedures are also in place.

The Ministry of Education **EOTC guidelines** identify four EOTC activity types, each with recommended types of parental/caregiver consent. In brief they are:

Level of Event	Description	Examples	Type of consent
A	On-site – in school grounds I. Lower risk environments	<i>sports day, activities, painting, measuring for maths.</i>	I. No consent sought or blanket consent
	II. Higher risk environments*	school pool	II. Blanket consent at enrolment (see below)
B	Offsite events in the local community occurring within school time I. Lower risk environments	<i>museum, art gallery, gardens, sports and recreation events. Marae visits & tangi.</i>	I. Blanket consent at enrolment
	II. Higher risk environments*	aquatic environments (river, beach), cross-country-run training	II. Separate consent sought for each event or Programme
C	Off-site events - finishing after school finishes I. Lower risk environments	<i>farm visit; day hike in a local park or in local bush; city visit; train, bus, or ferry trip; swimming in pools.</i>	I. Blanket consent at enrolment
	II. Higher risk environments*	skiing, waka ama, rock climbing, swimming in natural environments (beach, river), field trip involving chemicals or heavy machinery.	II. Separate consent sought for each event or Programme
D	Off-site residential overnight events I. Lower risk environments	<i>trip to another region; sports tournaments; field trips to city environments, historic sites, & "front country" (having well-formed tracks).</i>	I. Separate consent
	II. Higher risk environments*	eg: 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).	II. Separate consent sought for each event or Programme

*Involves risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity.

Swimming Consent

For activities where being able to swim is essential. Consent does not remove the need for group leaders to ascertain for themselves the level of the student's swimming ability.

Swimming ability

• Is your child able to swim 50 metres?	Yes	No	Don't know
• Is your child water confident in a pool?	Yes	No	Don't know
• Is your child confident in deep water?	Yes	No	Don't know
• Is your child able to tread water?	Yes	No	Don't know
• Is your child able to survival float?	Yes	No	Don't know
• Is your child confident in the sea or in open inland water?	Yes	No	Don't know
• Is your child safety conscious in and around water?	Yes	No	Don't know

Blanket Permission for Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC)

I/we give my consent for my child/children _____

to participate in low risk school EOTC activities as described in Level A, B and C of the table. I understand that I will be advised of low-risk off site activities (Level B and C) and I must contact the school if I have any concerns or choose to decline permission. I also give permission for my child to travel in cars or buses to participate in these activities, and understand that it is school policy to require drivers to be licensed, vehicles to be registered and warranted and car passengers to be wearing seatbelts.

I/we have provided the school with up to date medical, supervision and learning information through the enrolment form and will make every endeavour to keep this information current.

Name: _____

Signature: _____

Date: _____