

EOTC Blanket Consent

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

- 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 environments in our community. These areas are rich learning environments for our students, both in and out of school, and they often provide ideal contexts which support our inquiry based learning projects. Children need to learn how to be safe.

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.

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

Type of Event	Description	Type of Consent
A	<i>On-site (in the immediate school environment)</i> 1. Lower risk environments e.g. sports day, measuring for maths 2. Higher risk environments e.g. climbing wall	1. No consent required 2. Blanket consent
B	<i>Off-site events in the local community occurring in school time</i> 1. Lower risk environments e.g. museum, art gallery, botanic gardens, sports and recreation events 2. Higher risk environments e.g. aquatic events, river and beach studies eg: rocky shore	1. Blanket consent 2. Blanket consent
C	<i>Off-site events finishing after school finishes</i> 1. Lower risk environments e.g. farm visit; day hike in local park; train, bus or ferry trip; swimming in pools 2. Higher risk environments e.g. skiing, sailing, rock climbing, swimming in natural environments (beach, river), surfing	1. Blanket consent 2. Separate consent
D	<i>Off-site residential overnight events</i> 1. Lower risk environments e.g. trips to another region, sports trips, field trips to urban environments, historic sites and 'front country' (having well formed tracks) 2. Higher risk environments e.g. overseas trips; field trips into natural water, bush or alpine environments; outdoor education camps	1. Separate consent 2. Separate consent

I/We agree to the participation of _____ (child's name) in A, B and lower risk C EOTC activities while a student at Broadfield School.

I/We have provided the school permission and learning information through the enrolment form and will make every endeavour to keep this information current.

Name: _____ Signed: _____ Date _____