

Blanket Consent for Education Outside the Classroom 2024

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. Our students participate in a wide range of learning opportunities within and outside the school grounds. Senior students 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 of the school. The school uses a process to identify and manage risks at every level of activity and this process is monitored by the Board of Trustees and the Principal.

We recognise four levels of activities, each with specific requirements regarding parental/caregiver consent.

Level	Activity
One	At school, or within the immediate local environment, for example, sports events (Cross Country, Athletics Day, fun days, nature studies etc. Consent required: Blanket permission provided on enrolment.
Two	Off-site events occurring entirely in school time and finishing no later than 2.55pm, for example, zone team sport events, class trips to the museum/park/pools/town centre (Americarna/School Productions). Parents are advised of the finishing time if it is later than 2:55 pm. Consent required: Blanket permission provided on enrolment so further consent is not needed. Parents are informed that the event is to occur via the school newsletter and/or class letters. These are always posted on the school website.
Three	Off-site events occurring in one day involving risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity, for example, water activities (apart from swimming sports at the Stratford Pools), Rock Climbing, Beach Safety, River Safety etc. Consent required: Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.
Four	Events occurring overnight, for example, Vertical Horizons and Konini Lodge (Yr 5-6) and Te Wera, Forest Lakes and AIMS Games (Yr 7-8). Consent required: Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.

Kind regards
Jason Elder
Principal
Stratford Primary School

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By signing this form, you consent to your child/children participating in level 1 and 2 activities. For any level 3 or 4 activity, you will always be provided with a specific consent form.

I/we give permission for our child/children.		Name of children:			
To participate in level 1 and 2 Education Outside the Classroom activities.					
I/we have provided the school with up-to-date medical and other information on the school enrolment form and will notify the school of any changes to that information.					
Name:		Signature:		Date:	
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(Please return this page only to the office).