

POLICY: EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

RATIONALE

Children spend a good deal of time beyond the classroom. Increasing leisure time implies the need for greater awareness of the opportunities that the environment offers.

PURPOSES:

1. To extend the learning environment beyond the classroom
2. To provide a range of direct experiences
3. To enhance the appreciation and encourage the conservation of the immediate and greater environment
4. To introduce the skills for outdoor living
5. To develop an understanding in ones self and others
6. To encourage participation in and offer a wide range of sporting activities

GUIDELINES:

1. Parent, Principal and Board of Trustees consent is required prior to overnight trips and day visits outside the Rangitikei district and visits outside usual school hours.
2. Parents will be informed of local day visits but a written consent form will not be necessary
3. When children are transported by cars, seat belts must be provided and used and car seats as necessary for students less than 148cm tall.
4. All adults transporting children will sign form indicating vehicle having current registration & warrant. Also driver has full current licence.
5. The school will maintain a well balanced programme incorporating at least two out of school ground visits per class per year. See possible programme
6. Adult – pupil ratio will be a minimum of 1 – 5 involving **EOTC** out of Hunterville township
7. Trips which present more hazzards than would normally be encountered at school require a Risk Analysis and Management Systems form before departure.
8. All overnight trips require a R.A.M. form

Possible Programme

Yr 8 only : Annual Ski trip

Senior Class : Yr 7 & 8 Mangatepopo. Odd year.
: Yr 7 & 8 Resolution Bay. Even year.
: Yr 6 Wellington
: Yr 5 Raukawa Falls

Other Classes : May arrange day trips (distant and near), overnight stays, or short camps at discretion of class teacher and with approval of Principal/BOT as per the **EOTC** policy.

Eg.

Wellington Zoo
Science Centre
Fire Station
Bush Visits
Army Museum
Wanganui/Palmerston North

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