

## EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

**I/we consent for our child participating in a level 1 - 3 Education Outside the Classroom activities as stated in the school's EOTC Guidelines.**

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 including involvement in sporting events.

Our students participate in a wide range of learning opportunities within and outside the school grounds. Our Year 5 and 6 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 some-times require travel outside 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 and the Principal. We recognise three levels of activities, each with specific requirements regarding parental/caregiver consent.

By approving this, you consent to your child participating in all Level 1-3 activities. For any Level 4-6 activity, you will always be provided with a specific consent form.

**Please note that unless the office is notified otherwise, approving this will cover your child for the duration of his/her time at St Mary's Catholic School, Tauranga.**

### Education Outside the Classroom Guidelines

**Level 1:** - At school, or within the immediate local environs (within a 10km radius of the school), for example, sports events, fun days, nature studies.

**Consent required:** Blanket permission provided on enrolment.

**Level 2 / 3:** Off-site events occurring entirely in school time and finishing no later than 4pm, eg zone sports, team sport events, class trips to the museum. Parents are advised of the finishing time if it is later than 3.15pm.

**Consent required:** Blanket permission provided on enrolment, but parents are informed that the event is to occur.

**Level 4-6:** Off-site or on-site events occurring in one day involving risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity, eg water activities (apart from swimming sports), rock climbing etc.  
- Events occurring overnight, eg school camp.

**Consent required:** Parent/caregiver informed consent is required for each specific event.



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