TĀNEATUA SCHOOL

Tāneatua He Ariki, He Tohunga, He Tangata, He Urururu Whenua

Blanket Consent for Education Outside The Classroom

This information covers student and class outings that may occur beyond our Tāneatua School site yet within our local community. These may be activities that involve students walking, biking or travelling by car, bus, or van within a thirty minute radius of Tāneatua (ie: Ruatoki, Waimana, and Whakatane). These outings are described in the table below in Category A, B and C in the Lower risk environments.

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events/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 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. Our students 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 to enhance our childrens' safety. 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/ Risk Rating	Type of consent
A - Routine and expected activities and environments ➔ School grounds	(i) Lower risk environment	(i) No consent form sought or blanket consent form used
B - Off-site events in the local community occurring in school time. ➔ Community walks ➔ Local Tangihanga	(i) Lower risk environments (ii) Higher risk environments*	(i) Annual blanket consent form (ii) Separate consent form for each event or programme
C - Off-site events and or completion after school finishes where risk exposure is greater than what would typically be the case at school ➔ Adventurous activities ➔ Hazardous environments	(i) Lower risk environments (ii) Higher risk environments*	(i) Separate consent for each event or programme and letter of information prior to event (ii) Separate consent with specific RAMs for each event or programme and letter of information prior to event
D - Off-site residential overnight events ➔ Including residential and overseas trips.	(i) Lower risk environments (ii) Higher risk environments*	(i) Separate consent for each event or programme and letter of information prior to event (ii) Separate consent with specific RAMs for each event or programme and letter of information prior to event

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

Consent Section: *Please complete the following section, sign, tear off and return to school. Please complete one consent per child.*

		Yes	No
1.	I have read, and understood the Tāneatua School blanket EOTC consent form	▢	
2.	I agree with my child taking part in EOTC events. I acknowledge the need for them to behave responsibly.	▢	▢
3.	I understand that there are risks associated with involvement in Tāneatua School's EOTC events and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated.	▢	▢

My child's name: _____

My signature and date: _____

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