

OPIHI COLLEGE



Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC) Consent Form

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

EOTC is part of the culture of Opihi College for three main reasons.

Firstly: students at Opihi College have ready access to the beach, the rivers, the mountains, and the urban environs of Timaru. For many, these areas are part of their playground. They need to learn how to be safe.

Secondly: the teaching staff believe in utilising a range of environments and experiences to enhance the learning of their students.

Thirdly: Opihi College 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.

Our safety management systems recognise five operational levels, each with specific requirements regarding parental/caregiver consent. In brief they are:

1. On site- within the College environs
(Parent/Caregiver consent given at the time of enrolment and not required for each specific event.)
2. Off site events occurring entirely in school time or finishing by approximately 6pm*
*(Parent/Caregiver consent given at the time of enrolment and not required for each specific event. **)*
3. Off-site events finishing after 6pm (approximately)
*(Parent/Caregiver informed consent required for each specific event. ***)*
4. Events occurring over night.
*(Parent/Caregiver informed consent required for each specific event. ***)*
5. Events occurring over night.
(Parent/Caregiver informed consent required for each specific event.)

* *In the case of Friday night Basketball, and similar events, the draws come out week by week. Often games are scheduled after 6pm. We have designated these Sports as Level 2.*

** *Information including finish time given to Parents/Caregivers if finishing after 3.15pm.*

*** *A course such as Outdoor Education can acquire course-long blanket consent for the year through a special letter to Parents/Caregivers for those students signed up for the course.*

Where an event involves risk exposure greater than what would typically be the case at school, such as adventurous activities or hazardous environments or the event continues overnight, specific consent will

be required. At the time of our seeking any further consents, you will also be asked to update the Health & Contact Information held by the school.

It is important that this form is completed at the start of the year for all students who will be participating in EOTC events, as described above. Details on this form will remain confidential to school staff, contractors and volunteers associated with supervising activities on EOTC events. It is crucial that you provide us with up-to-date information that is accurate and complete, to allow us to plan appropriately for EOTC events.

Please note that it is very important that student details such as health information and emergency contacts are kept up-to-date during the year. To change any information, please contact the School Office on (03) 6157442 or email office@opihicollege.school.nz

Medical Consent

- In an emergency, Opihi College may act on my behalf
- Pain relief may be administered
- I agree that if prescribed medication needs to be administered, a designated adult will be assigned to do this. I will ensure that prescribed medication is clearly labelled, securely fastened and handed to the designated adult, with instructions on its administration.
- I will inform Opihi College as soon as possible of any changes in the medical, or other, circumstances.
- I agree to my child receiving any emergency medical, dental, or surgical treatment, including anaesthetic or blood transfusion, as considered by the medical authorities present.
- Any medical costs not covered by ACC or a Community Services Card will be paid by me.
- If my child is involved in a serious disciplinary problem, including the use of illegal substances and/or alcohol, or actions that threaten the safety of others, he/she will be sent home at my expense.

Student Contract

To be read and signed by all participating students:

- I understand that any EOTC event is an opportunity for me to learn, practise skills and gain attitudes & values in an environment outside the classroom.
 - I realise that this requires me to take on genuine responsibility for my own learning and the safety of myself and others.
- I agree to do the following to make this happen:
 - Show courtesy and consideration for others
 - Follow the rules and instructions of staff and other supervisors at any event
 - Take part in all activities within challenge-by-choice options
 - Look after myself and my personal belongings
 - Declare medical conditions that could affect participation in the event
 - Accept the rules set by Opihi College for any event, even if they are different from what is accepted at home
- I understand that my parent/caregivers will be contacted and I may be sent home, at their expense, if:
 - My actions are considered unacceptable by staff
 - I break Opihi College drug and alcohol policy
 - My actions put me, or others, in any danger

Parental Consent

- I agree to my child taking part in EOTC events. I acknowledge the need for them to behave responsibly.
- I understand that there are risks associated with involvement in Opihi College EOTC events and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated.
- I understand Opihi College will identify any foreseeable risks or hazards and implement correct management procedures to eliminate or minimise those risks.
- I understand that my child will be involved in the development of safety procedures. I will do my best to ensure that my child follows these procedures.
- I acknowledge that to gain a better understanding of the risks involved, I am able to ask any questions of Opihi College about the activities in which my child will be involved. I recognise that participation in such activities is voluntary and not mandatory. My child and I both understand that they may withdraw from the activity if they feel at risk. This must be done in consultation with the person in charge.
- I understand that Opihi College does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property, either my child’s property or damage to other’s property caused by my child, and that it is my responsibility to check my own insurance policy.

Student Name: _____

Student Signature: _____

Parent/Caregiver Name: _____

Parent/Caregiver Signature: _____

Date: _____