

BLANKET LOW RISK CONSENT FORM FOR OFF-SITE EVENTS ~ St Marys School

Blanket Consent for Education Outside the Classroom

I give my general approval for my student to participate in off-site programmes of learning, within normal school hours, in our local area, of low risk activity and approved by the principal.

Examples of low risk activity are visits to cultural centres like a museum or library, visits to another school, visits to a sports ground or non-aquatic sport venue or event.

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 blanket consent is for events that are low-risk. It is adapted from a template recommended by the Ministry of Education for this purpose.

In every event outside the classroom we will keep you informed of our intentions with news letters and notices.

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	Type of consent
A	Low risk environments like visits to a Library, park, sports event other than swimming or another school ... In our local area and during school hours.	Blanket consent
B	Off-site events in the local community occurring in school time. Higher risk environments like swimming venues	Separate consent for each event or programme
C	Off-site events - finishing after school finishes (i) Lower risk environments (ii) Higher risk environments*	Separate consent for each event or programme
D	Off-site residential overnight events (i) Lower risk environments (ii) Higher risk environments*	(i) Separate consent (ii) Separate consent for each event or programme

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

All EOTC activity categories require our 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.

BLANKET CONSENT

I/we agree to the participation of _____ In **LOW RISK CATEGORY A**

I/we have provided the school with up to date medical, supervision and learning information through the enrolment form and will make every endeavour to keep this information current.

Name: _____ Signature: _____

Date: _____

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Date: _____