



Blanket 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 the school site. Our school believes in using a range of environments and experiences to enhance our students' learning. We have ready access to the beach, harbour, 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. They 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 to participate in such learning.

Activity	Description
A	ON SITE – in the school grounds (i) Lower risk environments eg: horticulture, adventure-based learning (ABL) activities, painting murals, measuring outdoors for mathematics etc. (ii) Higher risk environments eg: tabloid sports or sports days (including overnight stay onsite, eg. Marae***)
B	OFF SITE – short visits in the local community within school hours (i) Lower risk environments eg: museum, art gallery, botanic gardens, marae, sports and recreation events. (ii) Higher risk environments eg: aquatic environments (river, beach), cross-country-run training etc
C	OFF SITE – day trips, which may extend out of school hours (i) Lower risk environments eg: farm visit; day hike in a local park or in local bush; city visit; train, bus, or ferry trip; swimming in local pools that conclude prior to approximately 6pm.

***With special conditions, including police vetting of any adult volunteers and Principal's approval.

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.

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 and contact information held by 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 with the Mana College school office during the year.

Student Information

Name: _____ Year: _____

Address: _____

Student email: _____ Student cell phone: _____

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 and 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 and that 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 the school 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 the school drugs and alcohol policy; My actions put me or others in any danger.

Signed (by student): _____ Date/...../.....

Swimming Consent

For activities where being able to swim is essential. Consent does not remove the need for group leaders to ascertain for themselves the level of the student's swimming ability. Please circle responses below for your child's swimming ability:

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| • Is your child able to swim 50 metres? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| • Is your child confident in a pool? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| • Is your child confident in deep water? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| • Is your child able to tread water? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| • Is your child able to survival float? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| • Is your child confident in the sea or in open inland water? | Yes | No | Don't know |
| • Is your child safety conscious in and around water? | Yes | No | Don't know |

Medical Consent

- In an emergency school may act on my behalf
- The school may administer pain relief
- 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 Mana 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 service 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.

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 Mana College's EOTC events and that these risks cannot be completely eliminated.
- I understand Mana 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 in order to gain a better understanding of the risks involved I am able to ask any questions of Mana 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 Mana 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.

Signed (by parent/caregiver): _____

Date/...../.....

(Full name of parent/caregiver) _____

Parent Address: _____

Parent Cell phone: _____ Parent email: _____

Please ensure that all sections of this form are completed and it is returned to the Mana College School Office with your application for enrolment

Privacy Statement: Please note the personal information being collected on this form is for the purpose of running EOTC events. It won't be used or disclosed for any other purpose except in accordance with the Privacy Act 1993. You have the right under that Act to access and seek correction of the information from the school.