



Empowering Confident Learners

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM EOTC

Rationale

Education outside the classroom offers opportunities to enrich all aspects of the curriculum, as well as for continued personal growth and social development.

As all outdoor activities carry their own elements of risk, appropriate safety precautions must be invoked.

The education of pupils is enhanced by successful trips which reflect the skill and planning of the teachers and the care and support of participating parents. These activities take place with consideration for the safety of all participants and for our environment.

Guidelines

1. School/local body, health and safety requirements must be adhered to.
2. Activities should be designed to suit the abilities of the children concerned.
3. Prior notice will be given to parents/caregivers of impending trips, including mode of transport and the need for parents to help with supervision. Consent must be obtained when considered appropriate.
4. Trips up to one day's duration will be approved by the Principal. Overnight trips will need confirmation by the Board of Trustees.
5. Ratios of adults to children will be included in the details presented to the Principal and/ or Board of Trustees.
The ratio will be approved at the Principal's discretion in the case of day trips. Discretion will lean on the side of caution.
6. Appropriate clothing must be available for the occasion, along with an adequate supply of food. Children or adults without appropriate clothing, footwear or safety requirements will not be permitted to participate in the activity.
7. Consideration must be given to any health problems which may affect participants.
8. Camps may be run for year 5 and 6 children. The Principal and Board must Give approval for these to take place.

Camp planning starts with a general overview being presented to the Board for prior approval.

9. In case of injury requiring other than basic first-aid, the Principal should be advised as soon as possible.
10. Environmental awareness is an important aspect of EOTC. Any area visited must be left as tidy or tidier, than it was found, with no damage to flora and fauna.
11. The teacher in charge is to report to the Principal at the conclusion of the activity.
The report will be a summary of the activity. Specific mention will be made of any injuries that have occurred, for subsequent entry in the accident register.
12. The Principal will make a report to the Board of any serious injuries or incidents.
13. Pre-schoolers may not accompany a group of children if their parent is in charge of a group.
14. All school rules apply to EOTC events.
15. Police vetting will be completed for all non-teaching adults for overnight trips