

Year 11 EOTC week Information

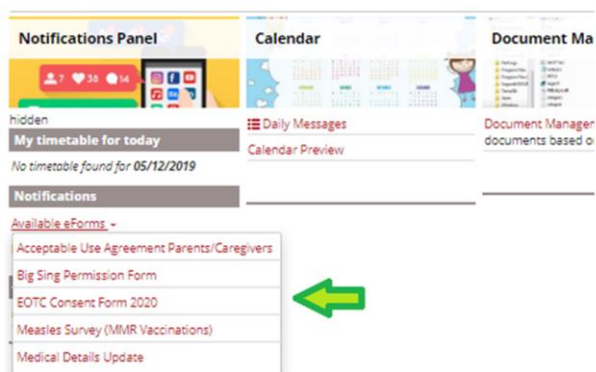
Dear Parents and Caregivers of year 11 students

This letter is to advise you of the EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) trip your child will be involved in week 8 of this Term 1 (16th – 20nd March). The theme of the year 11 camp is ‘Physical Challenge and Adventure’.

The Students have a choice of 4 camps. They will be with their camp of choice for the entire week. Please read the details of each below and be prompt in your registration as it has major impacts on logistics. It is important you complete your registrations promptly to reserve your primary choice (registrations close at the end of week 2 Sunday 9th Feb).

Note: There are limited numbers available on the walk and cycle options. We use a ballot system to decide who goes where if one of the camps is oversubscribed – for all those registered in time they should get their first option. Selections for camps are on the consent on medical form link that was emailed to you by our server or alternatively you can access it via PC schools available forms see image below.

1. Log in to the Parent Portal
2. Click on eForms and locate the EOTC consent form



We will also ask for a 2nd choice in the case we can't offer you your first choice. Please complete this online form ASAP to secure your favoured option.

Option 1: Raglan Rock (Cost – approx. \$840 – deposit \$400)

Enjoy Canyoning, Glow worm Canyoning, Caving and Rock Climbing! Depart school by bus in the morning of Sun 15th March so as to allow for travel and start first thing Monday

“Raglan Rock is a New Zealand outdoor adventure company based in the beautiful and world famous seaside town of Raglan. We offer a range of exhilarating tours for people of all ages and abilities, giving you the opportunity to explore New Zealand's true nature while getting your adrenaline kick! Come along and join us for one of our adventures. Climb, abseil, jump off waterfalls, day or night, surround yourself with glowworms, go caving underground or explore some of Raglan's local climbing areas”.

See the website for further information- <https://www.raglanrock.com/>

Option 2: Rail Trail Mountain Bike

Cost – approx. \$250 – deposit \$200 (with own bike)

The week will start with a skills and trail day at Makara peak. Tuesday will be a trip from the College to Owhiro Bay. Wednesday will be the start of a 3 day/2night expedition. Leaving from Kaitoki regional park on Day 1 (Wednesday), the group will proceed on to the start of the Rimtuaka Rail Trail and follow that until they reach Ocean Beach road. The group will set up camp for the night at the Rimutaka Forest Park. Day 2 (Thursday) will see them round the peninsular and set up camp in Catchpool (Wainui). Day 3 (Friday) will see the group complete a morning ride and then finish up back at Days Bay Pavilion where students will be collected or transported home from. I have supplied a map of day 2/3 below. Rental bikes can be arranged for this camp at a discounted price (approx \$50-60pd).

Here is a link to a video created from a previous trip.

https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=n_ENiD1thME

Option 3: Walkways including Kapiti Island (Cost – approx. \$200 deposit \$200)

Day 1: Paekakariki escarpment

Day 2: Kapiti Island see the following link for details <http://www.kapitiislandnaturetours.co.nz/tours-activities/overnight-kiwi-spotting-tour>

Day 3: Mount Kaukau

Day 4: Sommes Island

Day 5: Eastbourne

Option 4: Abel Tasman (Cost – approx. \$450 deposit \$200)

Walk the world famous Abel Tasman with an experienced teacher guide. Ferry to Picton on Monday, bus to Kaiteriteri and boat to Totaranui. Set up camp here for the first night. From there the group will tramp to Bark Bay and on to Anchorage. They will catch the Ferry back on the Friday.



It is great that the students have so many options for EOTC week! This does however create some logistical challenges as all of these camps have maximum number limits and transport needs to be finalised. **For these reasons I ask that all year 11 students register by the end of week 2 (Friday 9th Feb).** Registering will not incur any charge but will allow us to confirm bookings.

This deposit will be charged out on the 28th February. **This deposit is non-refundable** as it covers the fixed costs associated with group bookings. There is need for a cut-off date for any student withdrawals, and for these camps it is Friday 21st February. **EOTC is a compulsory part of the College program. To withdraw your child for any or all of the week you must first gain permission from the Senior School Principal.** After this date your deposit may not be refunded. I am aware that at times there are exceptional circumstances, the Principal reserves the right of discretion in these circumstances.

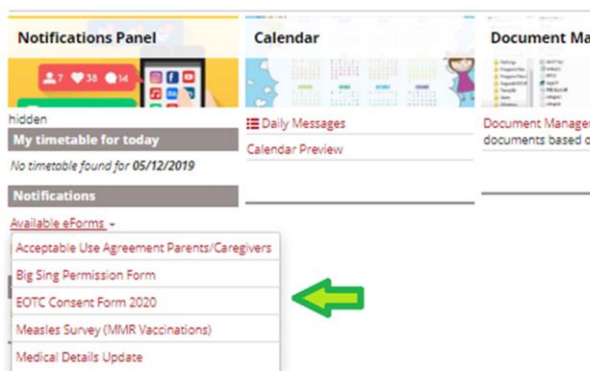
When:

Monday 16th – 20th March. Week 8 of Term 1.

What to do before:

Register! You need to do this **before the end of week 2 (Sun 9th February)** at this that was emailed to you by our server or alternatively you can access it via PC schools available forms see image below.

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You will be able to list any specific dietary and medical requirements here. Repeat for each child.

All three camps require a moderate level of fitness and high levels of enthusiasm. All students are encouraged to practice bike/tramp skills and develop some endurance where possible. Please ensure that if you are intending to use your own bike that you have the bike serviced before leaving **(front and back breaks as well as a helmet)**. A puncture repair kit and pump are good to bring also. If your son cannot ride a bike we do not expect them to learn in 6-8 weeks. If your child selects cycle but is deemed not competent enough to complete the 3 day bike tour we have some provision for students to be moved to the walking camp.

Keen to help or join us?

We have some provision for parents to join us on the cycle and walking camps. Please indicate this on the registration and medical form.

Teacher in Charge:

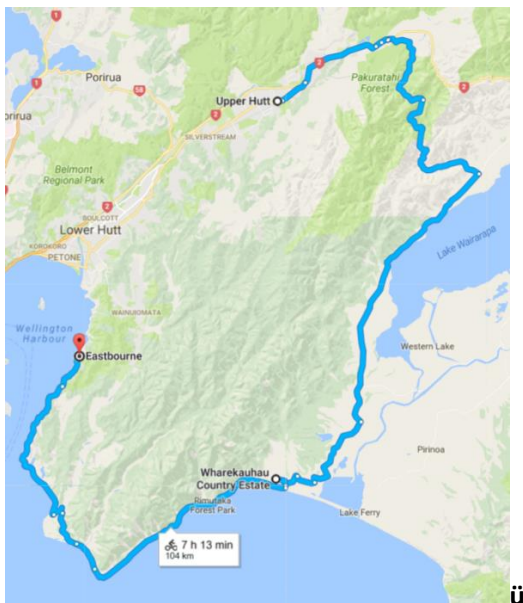
Cycle – Craig Morrison morrisonc@scotscollege.school.nz

Local Walk – Anthony Rehutai rehutaia@scotscollege.school.nz

Raglan – Mike McKnight mcknightm@scotscollege.school.nz

Abel Tasman Walk – Alistair Hamilton hamiltona@scotscollege.school.nz

Below is the map of the cycle journey days 2 and 3.



Recommended Gear list – Raglan and Abel Tasman

Note that this would be sufficient for the week. Cycle trip and walk trips will be given more specific information closer to the time.

2x Sport sneakers good tread.

2 x shorts , PE shorts are fine

2 x short sleeved shirts Not cotton (PE tops fine)

2 x thermal/wool long sleeve tops Not cotton or brushed cotton

1 x thermal long legged bottoms Not cotton or brushed cotton

1 x polar fleece top/woolen long sleeved jersey Not cotton or brushed cotton

1 x pairs woolen/thermal socks Not cotton or brushed cotton

2 x sports socks

1 x pair jandals/light weight sandals

1 track pants

1 x Waterproof/ seam sealed rain jacket with hood Older jacket may need water proofing

1 x Beanie

1 x Sun hat

Swim Togs

1 x towel

1 torch

Eating utensils – spoon/fork/knife/cup/bowl (plastic)

1 Tea Towel (may be cotton)

Pack Liner – to line pack/ 3 large extra, tough plastic bags to wrap clothes, sleeping bag, dirty wet clothes

Personal Toiletries: Soap Hand sanitiser Insect repellent, Sun screen Personal medication (if required)

Water bottle: recommended size 1 L One that can attach to pack is ideal.

Underwear

Sleeping Mat (Abel Tasman)

Sleeping Bag

Tent and food will be provided.

Kind Regards

Peter Connell

EOTC Coordinator