



Year 10 EOTC Week Information

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 10 Students

Option A:

This letter is to advise you of the EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) trip your child will be involved in this year. The destination of our Year 10 camp is the beautiful Lake Rotoiti, about 1 hour south of Nelson. The theme of the Year 10 camp is 'Responsible Risk Taking'. The students will meet at the Interislander ferry terminal early on Monday 15 March and return on the afternoon sailing on Friday 19 March. The kids will be spending the four nights in cabins under the supervision of the accompanying staff and adults at the Rotoiti Lodge in the Marlborough Sounds.

Activities:

The students will be undertaking a variety of activities in the beautiful Nelson Lakes National Park. The Outdoor Pursuits Centre provides a wide variety of obstacle courses, physical and team challenges all with a lake and mountain as the backdrop. The lake is safe to swim in and will be open to students when supervised.

Cost:

The total cost for the week is approximately \$580. This includes the Interislander Ferry, accommodation and food Monday through Friday and all onsite activities. A deposit of \$300 will be invoiced to you on the 28 of February.

This **deposit is non-refundable** as it covers the fixed costs associated with group bookings. There is a need for a cut-off date for any student withdrawal, and for this camp it is Friday 28 February. **If you first gain permission from the Middle School Principal for your absence before this date you will not be charged. 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.

Where:

Lake Rotoiti, Nelson Lakes. <http://rotoitilodge.co.nz/>

Further travel details will be given closer to the time.

When:

Monday 15 – 19 March, Week 7 of Term 1. The students will return Friday afternoon, more information will follow closer to the time.

Teacher in Charge:

Harrison Whitehouse

Option B



EOTC week: Year 10 Duke of Edinburgh award

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

As part of EOTC week, 10 – 30 year ten students will have the opportunity to do a week of activities; bush survival skills, and first aid and three days doing the Queen Charlotte walk in the Marlborough Sounds. The intention of this week to allow those students to start a section of the **Duke of Edinburgh award**.

The Award is the world's leading youth achievement award. Today more than 130 countries have adopted The Duke of Edinburgh's International Award programme with over 8 million young people have participated worldwide. The benefit of Duke of Edinburgh's awards is that they are designed to give students the skills, confidence and an edge over others when you apply for university, or jobs. It is an award valued by Scots and it's something that certainly adds value when applying for leadership roles within the senior school.

The Award is comprised of three levels: Bronze, Silver and Gold and four sections - **Skills, Voluntary Service, Physical Recreation** and **Adventurous Journey**. Participants complete all four areas at each level to achieve their Award.

It is often relatively straight forward for a Scots student to at least complete the bronze section of the award. There is a good chance that your son will already be involved sporting, recreational or cultural activities that meet the **physical recreation** and **skills** sections.

Also, if they choose a **Voluntary activity, they can meet both the Scots** Middle School Programme **CAS requirements** as well as that section of the Duke of **Edinburgh award**.

The students can start the **Adventurous Journey** section of the **Bronze award during EOTC week**. The cost of the trip will be approximately \$500, although this does not include the cost registration onto the scheme. There will be another opportunity for students to complete the Adventurous Journey at the end of the year as part of Year 10 activities.

More detail regarding the Award can be found at the DoE website below:

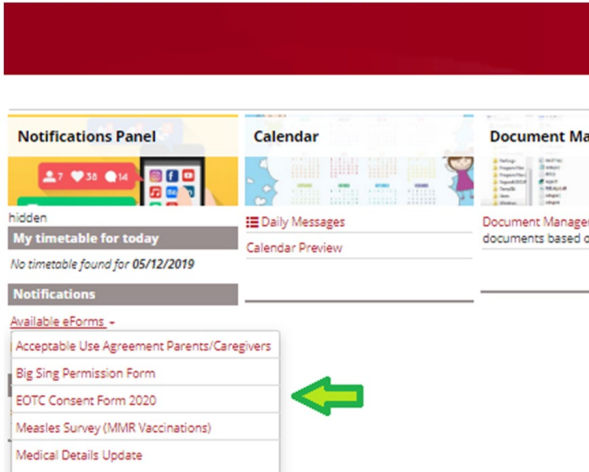
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Kind Regards,
Mark Redgrave

What to do before:

Register! You need to do this **before the end of week 2 (Sunday 7 February)**. This that was emailed to you by our server or alternatively you can access it via the Parent Portal - Available eforms on PC schools see image below. **You will have a drop down selection for option A and option B.**

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



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

This will require a moderate level of fitness. No prior experience is necessary, but you must be able to tramp for up to 3 hours. We will have guides, instructors and staff there on hand. All that is required is an open mind and a good attitude.

Suggested Gear list –

- 2 x Walking Shoes – Sport sneakers good tread.**
- 2 x shorts longer leg, nylon (not cotton or short shorts) PE shorts excellent**
- 3 x short sleeved shirts - not cotton (PE tops excellent)**
- 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**
- 2 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**
- Underwear**
- 1 x Sun hat**
- Swim Togs**
- 1 x towel**
- 1 torch**
- 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 (roll on), sun screen, personal medication (if required)**
- Water bottle: recommended size 1 L - one that can attach to pack is ideal**
- Sleeping Bag**

Tent and food will be provided – some \$\$ for to spend on the ferry is permitted.

Kind Regards
Peter Connell
EOTC Coordinator