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## **Year 9 EOTC Week Information**

Dear Parents and Caregivers of Year 9 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 (15 - 19 March). The theme of the Year 9 camp is 'Action and Adventure'. The students will be involved in a 4-day Canadian canoe trip down the Whanganui river in the Tongariro National Park! Students and staff will be under the guidance of Whanganui River Canoe Tours' who are adventure mark certified. Feel free to view their website here

[www.whanganuirivercanoes.co.nz](http://www.whanganuirivercanoes.co.nz)

The Year 9 students year group will be split into two groups of approximately 40-50. Both groups will be doing the identical trip, however they will start their trip on different days, the first group will commence through Sunday 14 to Thursday 19 and the second group from Tuesday 16 to Friday 19. There will be provision and activities for the kids to be involved in at the College on the weekday that they are not on the river.

### **Activities:**

Navigate the Whanganui river over four nights. The contractor will supply pre-trip accommodation in Ohakune on the first night. They will supply canoes, paddles, barrels, bailers, life jackets, ropes, maps, personal locator beacons, guides (1 per 10 students – staff are extra support), food (breakfast, lunch, dinner each day) and all cooking equipment.

There will be a robust level of Health & Safety adhered to on the river. Scots College will need students to provide their own tent, sleeping mat and bags, clothes, personal requirements, snacks, plates, cups, bowl, utensils for meals. Transport will depart approx. 9am and return to the College in the evening. Other pick up points will be arranged during camp meetings

### **Cost:**

The total cost for week is approximately \$500. A deposit of \$300 will be invoiced to you at the end of February.

This deposit will be charged out on 28 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 28 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 Middle 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.

## Where:

The first group will leave from the College on Sunday morning (pickups on route can be arranged) and be based in Ohakune on the Monday night. The 4-day trip starts down the river at Whakahoro where the main part of the National Park begins. This trip covers the most scenic sections of the river with its bush lined gorges and spectacular waterfalls.

We visit many places of interest including, Kirikiriroa, one of many old Maori village sites, Tarepokiore, “the whirlpool”, Tamatea Cave, John Coull Hut, Otumangu Landing, the Bridge to Nowhere, The “Drop Scene and Puraroto Caves, on our way to historic Pipiriki.

The overnight camp will leave from the College. More logistical information will follow closer to the time.

## When:

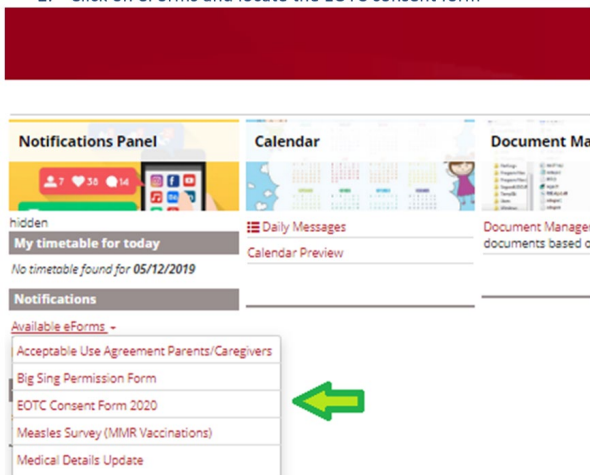
Group A - Sunday 14 – Friday 19 March (Week 7 of Term 1).

Group B - Monday 15 – Saturday 20 March (Week 7 of Term 1).

## 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 Parent Portal - Available eforms on PC schools see image below.

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.

During the course of Term 1 we will be preparing students for this camp, thinking about what culture is and how it has an impact on them. It is important that students read all notices relevant to camp and come ready to try all activities.

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Please take note the gear list below.

## **Suggested Gear List**

**Walking Shoes – sport sneakers good tread.**

**3 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**

**2 x thermal long legged bottoms - not cotton or brushed cotton**

**1 x polar fleece top/woollen long sleeved jersey - not cotton or brushed cotton**

**2 x pairs woollen/thermal socks Not cotton or brushed cotton**

**2 x sports socks**

**1 x pair jandals/light weight sandals**

**2 track pants**

**1 x Waterproof/ seam sealed rain jacket with hood - older jacket may need water proofing**

**1 x beanie**

**Wool/ Thermal**

**1 x sun hat**

**Swim togs**

**2 x towel and/or microfibre 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 (roll on), sun screen, personal medication (if required)**

**Water bottle minimum size 1 L - one that can attach to pack NOT hand held**

**Underwear**

**Sleeping Mat**

**Sleeping Bag**

**Tent (1 per pair of students)**

Kind Regards

Peter Connell

EOTC Coordinator