

RENEWICK SCHOOL

Education Outside The Classroom - Policy

Rationale

Renwick School is committed to providing students with a variety of educational opportunities outside the classroom.

Purposes

1. To enhance student learning through first hand experience and experiential learning.
2. To increase student knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the school area, local district, natural environments and other historical/cultural places.
3. To further develop student skills in observation, recording, reporting and organisation.
4. To provide opportunities for students to develop confidence through adventure and challenge in a safe environment.
5. To assist students to develop respect for themselves, others and the environment, and to gain sense of responsibility, particularly towards their own safety and the safety of others.
6. To assist in the personal and social development of students where they are given the opportunity to live and work with others in different situations.
7. To involve the community in the education of our children.

Broad Guidelines

1. EOTC programmes will observe the EOTC Guidelines and be thoroughly planned.
 - All EOTC Day Trip and Camp Planning will be prepared following the Renwick School Planning Guidelines and Planning Booklets. This will include Risk Management and parental consent.
 - The Teacher planning the Day Trip/Camp is deemed to be in charge of the event.
 - The Teacher In Charge of the event will seek advice and guidance from the Principal as appropriate and consult with camp staff as necessary.
2. A wide range of experiences will be provided for the students.
3. Parental involvement will be necessary for the success of these experiences.
4. Junior School trips/activities will mainly be held in the school or local district.
5. Skills will have a sequential development.
6. Students will be offered a camp experience of increasing duration from Year 4 at an established or approved camp area. New camp venues require a site visit and sign off from the board.

Approved Camp Venues for Renwick School

Pine Valley - Year 4 - Annually

Mistletoe Bay - Year 5 to 8 – Bi-annually

Kaikoura Top 10 – Year 5/6 – Bi-annually

Wellington City Camp – Year 7/8 – Bi-annually

Abel Tasman National Park – Year 8 - Annually

7. Supervision will be a minimum one adult to six students up to Year 4 and one adult to eight students from Year 5 to Year 8, depending on the nature of the activity.

8. All EOTC programme plans that take students off the school site must be presented to the Principal and/or the Board of Trustees for approval prior to seeking parental consent.
9. All EOTC programmes will be self funding unless included within the budget. Any EOTC programme fees should be at fair and reasonable cost for parents/caregivers. The Principal's Scholarship Fund has been established to support access to EOTC programmes for families/whanau that may need assistance.
10. EOTC programmes will be evaluated after completion.

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