



24 April 2023

Dear parents / guardians of Year 12/13 Geography students

Arrangements for the 2023 L2/3 Geography Coastal Research field trips.

Our next major block of learning is aligned with the following Achievement Standards:

- 13 GEO: AS 91430 / 3.5 (INT, 5 credits) = Conduct geographic research with consultation
- 12 GEO: AS 91244 / 2.5 (INT, 5 credits) = Conduct geographic research with guidance

Both 12 and 13 Geography at BC and MAC will use various coastal environments as their research context. This will involve **two coastal environment field trips** for each campus.

Parental consent for both of these trips is gained from the 2023 BCSY Blanket Consent Form. If you have not completed this form, please do so by [clicking on this link](#).

There is no additional cost for either of these trips.

1. Local coastal field trip:

- **MAC 12/13 Geo students to Pt Chev beach: Thursday 27th April 2023 – 9:00 am to 11:00 am.**

This trip will take place during our normal Geography class time (Periods 1 and 2) on 27th April.

Please wear **suitable non-uniform clothing**. Come prepared for the possibility of wet and/or cold weather. Wear appropriate footwear, or bring a spare set of footwear, as you may get wet/muddy feet.

As it is a local trip, those students who normally drive their own cars to school may drive directly to Pt Chev and meet us there. Normal school rules concerning vehicle use still apply. Traffic laws governing driving on a restricted license must be strictly observed. Students who usually catch the bus or are dropped off at school may go directly to the location (Coyle Park, Pt Chev). I will ask students to confirm any such arrangements prior to the trip.

Students traveling from MAC will depart from school at 9am in staff vehicles. All students will return to MAC at 11am, in time for period 3 class.

The purpose of the trip is to get accustomed to making field measurements in a coastal environment, prior to our full day excursion on 4th May.

- **BC 12/13 Geo students to Eastern Beach: Friday 28th April 2023 – 1:00 pm to 3:00 pm.**

This trip will take place during periods 5 and 6 (p6 is our normal 12/13 Geo class). We will meet up during lunchtime and travel to Eastern Beach.

Students should change into **suitable non-uniform clothing**. Come prepared for the possibility of wet and/or cold weather. Wear appropriate footwear, or bring a spare set of footwear, as you may get wet/muddy feet.

We have access to a school van (9 or 10 students) plus my vehicle (4 students). Alternatively...

- Those who have a car may drive it to Eastern Beach and then head off afterwards. Please discuss this with your parents.
- Those who have a full license may be able to take passengers (so long as parents approve).
- Under no circumstances is anybody on their restricted license able to take passengers
- Those who live somewhere near Eastern Beach or on the way back to BC can make their own way home afterwards, or have someone pick them up, or get dropped off on the way home.

Students will be asked to commit to one of these arrangements prior to the field trip on Friday.

2. Tawharanui coastal field trip: Thursday 4th May 2023 – 8:30 am to 3:00 pm.

This is a full-day combined field trip (BC and MAC) on **Thursday 4th May**. We will travel to and from Tawharanui in school minivans.

Students are **not required to wear school uniform, and must come prepared for the possibility of wet and/or cold conditions**. Sturdy footwear is required on the rock platform and headland, but normal beach footwear is satisfactory on the beach and dunes.

Tawharuanui is a high-energy, potentially hazardous beach environment. Therefore, **there will be absolutely no swimming, surfing or wading on the trip**. The only access to the water will be if students go to the edge to place and retrieve floating current markers (eg oranges).

During the trip, students will be conducting coastal fieldwork measurements and observations on the headland, rock platform, beach and sand dunes. It is essential that students participate in these activities as they are required for the geographic research data collection stage.

Students will be able to purchase food/drink at Warkworth, where we will stop for morning tea.

Kind regards

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