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Dear Parents / Caregivers

**GC Y1-9 EOTC Blanket Consent Letter 2026**

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is the name given to all events/ activities that occur outside the classroom, both on and off the school site.

Our school believes in using a range of environments and experiences to enhance our students' learning. We are blessed to have ready access to the beach, rivers, mountains, and bush in our area and beyond. We are also close to various built environments in our community. These areas are rich learning environments for our students both in and out of school. Students need to learn how to be safe. Our school also values the concept of providing students with opportunities. Thus, some of the learning for students occurs beyond the school site and the below form is seeking your consent for your child to participate in such learning.

The Ministry of Education's EOTC guidelines identify four EOTC activity types:

**A** – On-site on the school grounds – risks usually similar to a family activity. If not, consent will be sought.

**B** – Off-site events in the local community – risks usually similar to a family activity. If not, consent will be sought.

**C** – Off-site events starting and / or finishing outside normal school hours consent will be sought for each activity

**D** – Off-site residential overnight events – consent will be sought for each activity.

All EOTC activity categories require staff to undertake an analysis of the risks and identify the management strategies required to eliminate, isolate, and minimise the risks. Emergency procedures are also in place. This blanket consent will be sought at the beginning of each year and asks for consent for activities in categories A and B above, where staff have identified that the risks are LOW. For any other activity a separate permission will be sought.

In addition to this the form asks for your consent for your child to travel to or from such activities in a private vehicle (for example with another parent of a child in the team). Using private vehicles reduces the need for expensive bus hire and allows us to run the many teams that would otherwise not be able to be run. In all cases, any private vehicle must have a current warrant of fitness, and any driver must hold a clean, full drivers licence.

Parents / Caregivers are required to fill in a blanket consent form for your child / children at Golflands Campus (one per child), to acknowledge that you provide consent for your child to participate in type A and B events.

**Please follow the link below to complete the EOTC Blanket Consent form - to be completed by Wednesday 18th February 2026: <https://forms.gle/umNGczwKsFpWPn5o6>**

Kind regards

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