

ST JOSEPH'S SCHOOL TIMARU

EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM PROCEDURE



All learners should be given the opportunity to explore and learn from the world outside the classroom. These experiences are necessary for optimum development.

EOTC programmes at St Joseph's School will be designed to –

- promote values and attitudes that reflect the school's Catholic Special Character;
- provide a variety of well-designed, first-hand experiences;
- encourage awareness of the values and philosophies of tangata whenua, along with other cultures within the school community;
- increase learners' knowledge, understanding and appreciation of the school area, local district and other places, including some unfamiliar places;
- develop learners' skills in observation, recording and organisation;
- help learners' develop physical skills, self-confidence and a sense of adventure with a challenge by choice philosophy;
- assist learners in their social development by placing them with others in unfamiliar situations;
- help learners develop an attitude of responsibility, particularly towards their own safety and that of others;

Our school will:

- include Catholic Special Character activities and learning experiences within the EOTC programme;
- use EOTC to enhance learning in all curriculum areas;
- begin by utilising the resources of the school community and environments;
- provide excursions for junior school students for one day or overnight;
- provide middle and senior students a camp experience of up to four nights
- involve students, parents, caregivers and the community in the planning, preparation and evaluation;
- ensure that students are not excluded from participation in EOTC programmes for financial reasons;
- liaise with EOTC providers as necessary.
- follow Ministry of Education regulations and guidelines on safety and supervision, risk management, leadership and legal requirements, noting there is no place for alcohol on a school EOTC event;
- ensure adequate support for all staff involved in EOTC.
- ensure that the teacher in charge of EOTC has appropriate training and skills to support other staff.

Refer to EOTC handbook for specific requirements.

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