

Education Outside the Classroom and Parental Consent.

Kia Ora Parents, Guardians and Caregivers.

During the year your sons will be able to participate in a range of activities from low risk to potentially high-risk excursions. On several occasions as listed below Staff will only need to notify you an activity is happening, and no parental consent is needed to attend. As the risk increases consent will need to be given for your student to attend the activity. Our guidelines are taken from the Ministry of Education.

If you have any issues with any of the below please feel free to contact Richard Washington, rwashington@stc.school.nz

Parental Consent

The level of information provided to parents and requested from parents is proportionate to the risk associated with the activity.

Parental consent is not required for lower risk Type A, Type B, and Type C activities. We notify parents about certain activities as outlined below.

Where parental consent is required, we ask for this on a case-by-case basis. Students must bring a signed consent form before they can participate. For certain activities, we will also notify parents about any risks we have identified associated with the activity.

Activity type and parental consent

Activity type	Description	Parental consent and/or notification	
A	On-site – in the school grounds	Lower risk e.g. sports day, painting a mural, nature studies	• Parental consent is not required.
		Higher risk e.g. using school pool or climbing wall	• Parental consent is not required.

B	Off-site – short visits in the local community within school hours	Lower risk e.g. class trips to the museum, sports and recreation events	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parents will be notified. • Parental consent is not required. • Parents will be notified.
		Higher risk e.g. trip to a river, cross-country run training	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental consent is required.
C	Off-site – day trips, which may extend out of school hours	Lower risk e.g. farm visit, day hike in local bush, swimming in a pool	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental consent is not required. • Parents will be notified.
		Higher risk e.g. skiing, rock climbing, swimming at the beach, field trip involving heavy machinery	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental consent is required. • Risk disclosure is required.
D	Off-site – residential multi-day trips further afield	Lower risk e.g. sports trip to another region, field trip to urban environment or "front country" i.e. has well-formed tracks	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental consent is required.
		Higher risk e.g. camps, trips to "back country", field trips to water/bush/alpine environments	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Parental consent is required. • Risk disclosure is required.