



POLICY 1.4 Education Outside the Classroom

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Next Review Due	2021

RATIONALE:

Education Outside The Classroom (EOTC) is an integral part of a balanced curriculum. Social, emotional and physical development and learning in all curriculum areas are enhanced by relevant, enjoyable and progressive experiences beyond the classroom through quality EOTC programmes.

GUIDELINES:

To ensure the physical, emotional and social safety of both staff and students during EOTC activities. To comply with the Ministry of Education Health and Safety requirements.

1. To provide opportunities for students to develop intellectual, physical, social, cultural and emotional skills.
2. To recognise and make use of resources in the community.
3. To develop students' personal confidence and self-esteem.
4. To increase students' awareness of, and concern for, the environment beyond the school.
5. To increase students' awareness of, and respect for, the similarities and differences existing between cultures, groups and individuals.
6. Professional development opportunities will be provided to up skill staff regarding EOTC responsibilities.
7. The Board will delegate authority to the Senior Leadership Team to give approval for EOTC trips within New Zealand.
8. The Board will be required to approve all requests for EOTC involving international trips. Applications are required at least eight (8) months prior to the trip.
9. EOTC practice at Aquinas College is based on the standards in the EOTC Guidelines as issued by the Ministry of Education. Refer to EOTC Application Instructions.
10. Provision for attending Mass will be made for a College trip over a weekend if practical.
11. The Board will endeavour to provide financial assistance to any student with a demonstrated need.
12. Staff costs for any trip (including relief) can be built into the overall costs to be met by participating families.
13. Aquinas College volunteers participating in overnight school trips will be required to be Police vetted (excludes students and billet families).