

STELLA MARIS CATHOLIC SCHOOL

POLICY: EDUCATION OUTSIDE THE CLASSROOM

RATIONALE

Education outside the classroom can enrich all aspects of the curriculum and provide opportunities for learning, personal growth and social development

PURPOSE

1. To encourage awareness, appreciation and understanding of the natural environment and concern for conservation
2. To enrich children's experiences of the outdoors
3. To develop attitudes of co-operation, responsibility and confidence

PROCEDURES

Our school will:

1. Begin by utilising the resources of the school community and environs
2. Involve parents and caregivers in the planning and preparation of outings
3. Ensure the children are not excluded from participation in EOTC programmes
4. Follow Ministry of Education regulations and guidelines on safety and supervision, risk management and legal requirements

POLICY REVIEW DATE

This Policy will be reviewed according to the Board's Effectiveness Review Programme

_____ Chairperson

_____ Date

Supporting Documentation

Guidelines for Environmental Education in NZ Schools	MOE 1999
Education Outside the Classroom – Guidelines for Good Practice	MOE 1995
Anywhere, Everywhere – EOTC curriculum guidelines for primary schools	MOE 1992
Stella Maris Catholic School EOTC manual	SMCS 2005