



PARENTAL HELP GUIDELINES

Welcome to all parents and caregivers joining Southland Girls' High School camps. Adult help is an essential part of school camps. We appreciate you becoming a vital part of the team that goes towards successfully meeting the desired outcomes set down for camps.

Role of Parents at Camp

Adult volunteers acting as assistants on the EOTC experience should be clear about their roles and responsibilities during the activity. They should:

- do their best to support the activity leader and ensure the health and safety of everyone in the group;
- not allow themselves to be left in sole charge of participants except where it has been previously agreed as part of the risk assessment;
- only accept the responsibility of being a supervisor if they are comfortable with the role and the skills they have;
- follow the instructions of the activity leader and the person in charge and help with control and discipline;
- speak to the person in charge if they are concerned about their own health or safety or that of participants at any time during the EOTC experience.

Your role is to provide support to the teacher in charge and take an active part in the welfare of students at the camp. Parents will be placed in charge of a group of students, taking part in their activities and duties. It is in our education outside the classroom policy that students are to carry out as many of the daily tasks as possible. Parents are to provide guidance and encouragement. Let the students be involved even if it could be completed more efficiently without them. Most students get a lot of satisfaction from taking part in the daily routine of camp.

It is essential that any parents, who wish to further explore around the camp or go fishing, must let one of the teachers know, and obey the rules and boundaries set down by any Hostel Manager.

Disputes

In the unlikely event that problems arise, the class teacher and the accompanying teacher are ultimately responsible to make final decisions. Please support these decisions. If you have concerns with what is happening, discuss them discretely with the teachers.



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Alcohol and Smoking

Alcohol and smoking are not permitted on any Southland Girls' High School camp.

Safety

All activities are completed under adult supervision. Particular care must be taken near water; where adult: student ratios are required. Please ensure you are familiar with risk management details of any activity you are involved with.