

TAWA COLLEGE

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Year 10: End of Year Programme Education Outside the Classroom

Dear Parents/Caregivers,

As part of this year Year 10 programme your child will be participating in four days of Education Outside the Classroom (EOTC). The focus of this programme is one of citizenship and social awareness.

This programme will run from **Monday 1 December to Friday 5 December**.

The four days of activities in which your son/daughter will participate are as follows:

Day 1: Community Service

Students will complete one day of community service assisting local residents and businesses. This will usually occur within walking distance of Tawa College for all Year 10 students. This day has the key focus of citizenship and has been a great success in previous years.

Day 2: High Ropes Course

This is a full day activity at Wainui Challenge Ropes Course, part of BGI's Footsteps programme. BGI will be facilitating the day along with members of Tawa College staff. The day will involve; sharing sessions of fears and goals for the day, flying kiwi and six high ropes challenges.

Day 3: Laser Paintball and H₂O Xtreme

Students will need to work together in a team using strategy and providing leadership opportunities to outwit their opposition in a few games of Laser Paintball. After this fun and action packed morning students will enjoy the fantastic facilities of H₂O Xtreme with full access to all of their rides. A key focus of this day will be on of reflection and perceptions of life in New Zealand and how this compares to other nations.

Day 4: Mount KauKau Walk

A full day trip starting at Kaiwharawhara train station walking along part of Wellingtons Northern Walkway all the way to the top of Mount KauKau before dropping down to Khandallah Park. Along the way students will experience a part of Wellington that few

people realise exist hopefully helping them create a more holistic perception of the Wellington environment.

Each student will be given a timetable informing them of which trip they will do on which day.

These trips will run from **Monday 1 December to Friday 5 December**. All of these trips will **depart from Tawa College at 8:35am** and will return by **3:20pm**. The total cost of the trips is **\$75.00** per student. This includes transport and the cost of all activities. Due to the nature of the activities and the fixed costs involve, there will be no refunds given. Students are expected to bring a packed lunch on all of these days as they will not have any opportunities to purchase lunch.

Students will be required to wear appropriate mufti clothing on all days. This involves good walking/sports shoes, rain coat, sun block, and suitably warm clothing.

Students will not be allowed to participate in these trips if they do not have the correct gear. If you have any difficulty supplying these required items please indicate on the return form and we will endeavour to assist where possible.

On all trips students will be expected to abide by the school rules. This includes absolutely no cigarettes, drugs or alcohol. Students will be expected to conduct themselves in a manner that is respectful to both the supervising teachers and other students. Anyone who does not comply with these requirements will be sent back to school and/or home at the expense of their parents/caregivers.

It is essential that all students on the trip play their part in risk management. Their personal safety is very much their responsibility and they must act always in a manner that does not endanger either themselves or others. It is important that they follow the instructions of staff at all times.

All these activities are compulsory but have been designed to be both education and fun. Students will be supervised at all times by Tawa College staff. If you have not already returned the permission forms given out earlier this term then please collect another copy of the forms from the school office, and hand them in to the student office along with **\$75.00 before Friday 8 August**. If you have already returned the permission forms then you only need to pay the **\$75.00 before Friday 8 August**.

Yours sincerely,

Mr G de Villiers