

EOTC UPDATE

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Kia ora kou tou

Welcome to this EOTC update.

SPOTLIGHT ON RESEARCH

A nationwide research project investigating the current provision of EOTC in schools is about to get underway. This is a significant project involving a collaboration team from the University of Otago, Canterbury, Waikato, and Ara Institute of Canterbury. The project is being funded by EONZ with Ministry of Education support.

Principals, curriculum leaders, and EOTC coordinators are the target groups for the study. Watch out for further information on how you might support this work.

1 JULY UPDATE TO EOTC GUIDELINES

This important update to the EOTC Guidelines 2016 Bringing the Curriculum Alive introduces an updated and condensed Tool Kit as well as other good practice changes.

The update was flagged to school EOTC coordinators through the National EOTC Coordinator Database network at the start of this term. Principals also received notification through the Ministry Bulletin for School Leaders | He Pitopito Kōrero of 31 July.

Our recommendation and that of the Ministry is for users to remove previous copies of the guidelines from circulation.

Take some actions:

- Check the [EOTC Guidelines Update Log](#) on the National EOTC Coordinator Database web pages
- Familiarise with the information on [TKI](#), and

If you are in school:

- Talk with your staff, including the principal and EOTC coordinator, and
- Make sure your school has registered

Only one person per school can be registered on the database at any one time. This should be the person with delegated responsibility for EOTC. Any EONZ member can also [request access](#) to the network communications.

DATABASE PROMOTION



www.eotc.org.nz

Strengthening EOTC through
direct support for the school
EOTC coordinator



MAKE SURE YOUR
SCHOOL SIGNS UP



We need your help to promote this important good practice initiative. There is no doubt that information such as the [1 July Guidelines update](#) must be flagged and acted on in schools.

Principals & practitioners: please share the value of being registered through your networks.

Outdoor Providers & other organisational members: make a point of asking schools you come into contact with if they have registered.

EOTC SMP TEMPLATE NOW AVAILABLE

A newly developed EOTC Safety Management Plan (SMP) Template and supporting forms are finally available for general use in schools. This has been a long time in the making but has resulted in a robust resource fully underpinned by good practice principles. The forms used are the same as those in the newly adopted EOTC Guidelines, the material being located on TKI, in Appendix 4 of the EOTC Guidelines page.

Go to the [EOTC Management](#) page on the EONZ website for further details, including access to the GOOGLE DOCS format of the supporting forms.

A 1-day workshop that uses the template to drill deeper into aspects of good practice EOTC management is scheduled to come on stream before the end of this year.

PLACE-RESPONSIVE APPROACHES TO OUTDOOR EDUCATION

1-day workshops, piloted in Wellington at the end of 2015 are being held in 2 locations at the end of Term 3

When and where:

Friday 15 September, Nelson

Monday 25 September, Mt Maunganui

The PLD takes a contemporary approach to development and implementation of **Junior Camp** and **Senior Outdoor Education** programmes in secondary schools. This place responsive approach to curriculum design is both exciting and forward thinking.

Target group:

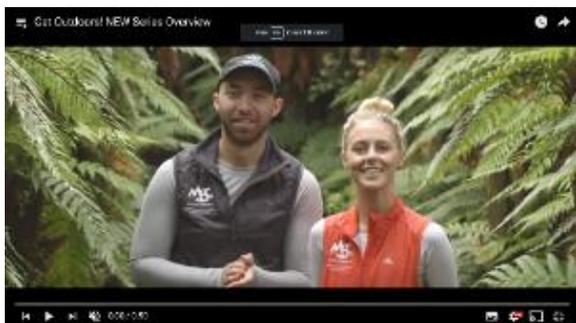
Secondary teachers and senior managers in school who are open to a journey of change in their Education Outside the Classroom programmes.

Ideally, those attending will have responsibility for or have experience in working in Junior Camp and in Senior Outdoor Education, to bring a collective understanding of the two learning areas together. Attendance by 2 staff members is preferable.

For full details including cost and registration go to the EONZ website linked [HERE](#)

GET OUTDOORS WITH MSC

Check out this new Mountain Safety Council (MSC) video series available on UTube. 29 short-clips are covered in main areas of Planning Essentials, Expedition and Camp Craft.



APPLIED RESEARCH READINGS

This newly completed report is now available for reading on the EONZ website in a new section under Resources.

[EOTC Applied Research Readings 2010-2017](#),

An older report previously housed on TKI is also located there and, together with the new material, provides a comprehensive overview of EOTC related research and material.

MEDIA CLIPS

Radio

[Does NZ education policy align with recognised research?](#) Nathan Mikaere Wallis talks on Radio NZ's Nine to Noon.

[Nature missions for digital natives](#) "Wild Eyes" as a way to connect children with nature.

Environment

[Sustainability: told as a Children's Fairy Tale with Beautiful Montage](#)

[Dear Future Generations: Sorry](#)

[Are You Eating Plastic for Dinner?](#)

Health and Safety

[Creating a Safer School - Vulnerable Children Act](#)
- from GovTalks

[Mental Health in the workplace](#) - NZ Herald, by Mai Chen

Curriculum Design

[Knock down the Walls and send Children Outdoors](#) - Stuff/Education

Conservation

[What to do if you find a seal](#) - DOC blog July 2017

Keep an eye on the Know Before You Go series as well.
Here is the [Back Country Mountain Biking Guide](#)

OUTDOOR AND INDUSTRY SECTOR

TRoQ Consultation

For those following and contributing to the Targeted Review of Qualifications (TRoQ), find this notice for consultation on [Outdoor Leadership – Bush Unit Standards](#). The consultation closes Thursday 24 August.

WorkSafe

The [April WorkSafe Adventure Activities Update](#) has good information for operators. Any providers who receive these updates should get on the mailing list. In the update, the quick guide to [Overlapping Duties](#) clarifies sharing health and safety management duties for providers and schools as PCBUs. The table on p 2 is useful in identifying where gaps can occur.

Support Adventure

[Supportadventure.co.nz](#) carries important information for adventure activity operators and commercial recreation providers. EONZ will continue to pass on information relevant to schools but providers are encouraged to subscribe to updates such as the [Support Adventure News](#), now released quarterly.

NZRA Outdoors Forum

Scheduled for Wellington, September 4-5, the [programme focus](#) this year is Outdoor Recreation 2030, exploring what it's likely to look like and how we can shape it.

TEACH NZ STUDY AWARD

[Study support grants](#) are currently open for 2018 and close on 18 September. These are for Area school and secondary teachers.

CONGRATULATIONS

Congratulations to EONZ member William Pike, who became a recipient of a 2017 Blake Leadership Award in June. The award recognises inspirational leaders who have determination, a will to succeed, and a belief in achieving extraordinary things.

TAKING ACTION

In response to massive cuts at the Otago University School of Physical Education, a petition has been set up by the students at the school. The cuts are wide-ranging and include the discontinuation of the Outdoor Education programme.

[Save the Otago University Physical Education Degree](#)

Undergraduate and graduate programmes in tertiary institutions around the country are being restructured, reduced and removed. This is of significant concern. What can we do?

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