

# The TOPEC Learning Pathway

## Primary School Programmes (AGES: 7-10 years)

- **RiverSafe Education Days – *making safe decisions in and around water***

How to be proactive in looking after yourself and others around water, learning self-rescue skills, hydraulics of a river, gaining confidence in swimming in a river with all the appropriate gear and equipment, using different craft in a river: having a go in rafts, kayaks, river bugs.

- **BushSafe Education Days – *preparing to safely go into the bush***

How to prepare to go into the bush, what to take, how to avoid and what to do if lost in the bush, and how to survive in the bush.

- **3-day Residential Camps**

Incorporates BushSafe, RiverSafe and team building activities that focus on working with others towards a common goal in a fun, challenging setting. Gives opportunities for potential leaders to step up.

## Intermediate School Programmes (AGES: 11-13 years)

- **One Day Leadership** programmes to encourage independent thinking and working with others in a group.

- **3-day Residential Camps**

Leadership style / team building incorporating **RiverSafe** and **BushSafe** at a higher level with activities in and around TOPEC, on Taranaki Maunga and local rivers.

## Secondary School Programmes (AGES: 13-18 years)

- **Year 9 and 10 (13-15 years)**

3 and 5-day Residential Camps, building personal skills in the outdoors, working as a team, Manaakitanga, Whanaungatanga and learning how to be guardians of our land – Kaitiakitanga. Activities involve rafting, high ropes, caving, adventure based team challenges, bush skills, camping out overnight, rock climbing, abseiling.

- **Year 11 to 13 NCEA (15-18 years)**

Unit Standard and Achievement Standard assessment incorporating **Outdoor Pursuit** skills development with risk management, self-management, Kaitiakitanga, Manaakitanga and Whanaungatanga.

## Secondary-Tertiary Programmes (AGES: 16-25 years)

- **Level 3 Micro-credentials**

- **Leadership** training with a focus on developing youth into confident, strong and communicative leaders for their schools and community. (11 credits)
- **Leader Facilitation** training with a focus on youth facilitating Adventure Based Learning (ABL) team activities and developing communication, problem-solving and decision-making skills. (9 credits)
- **Pest Eradication & Bush Survival** training with a focus on project-based learning that develops community connections through conservation and bush skills. (16 credits)

- **Level 3 NZ Certificate in Outdoor Experiences (NZCOE)**

A Level 3 qualification for senior students to develop skills towards a career in the Outdoors or further study. Incorporates self-management, leadership and work-ready skills. (40 credits)

- **Level 4 NZ Certificate in Outdoor Leadership (NZCOL)**

A Level 4 qualification for Year 13 and above students to further develop skills towards a career in the Outdoors. Emphasis on leading groups, alongside self-management and employability skills. (60 credits)

- **Level 5 NZ Diploma in Outdoor and Adventure Education (NZDOE)**

A Level 5 qualification for school leavers to train for a career in the Outdoors. Emphasis on advanced pursuit skills and preparing, guiding and leading groups and evaluation skills. (120 credits)