

## Risk Disclosure

### Parental Consent / Individual Consent

- I agree to my child / myself taking part in the Education outside the Classroom (EOTC) / Adventure events while at TOPEC.
- The activities depending on the season may include activities such as kayaking, river bugging, adventure-based learning, white water rafting, river safety, kayaking, caving, ropes course, orienteering, boogie boarding, abseiling, bridge swing, rock climbing, tramping, fixed structure activities, snow caving, basic alpine skills, confidence course, tramping and camping. These activities may make use of the coasts, rivers, lakes, harbours, caves and the bush/ngahere of Taranaki and NZ
- Participation in all activities at TOPEC is voluntary – this is referred to by TOPEC as **Challenge by Choice**. The activities listed above contain some elements of risk which cannot be completely eliminated. The risk is countered by carefully structured and sequenced activities and by supervision of activities with trained instructors.
- I agree to their / my participation in the activities described. I acknowledge the need for them / me to behave responsibly.

### Acknowledgment of Risk

- I have read the above information and I understand that there are risks associated with involvement in the Outdoor Activities and that these risks cannot be eliminated completely. Hazards exist in these activities that may result in serious injury or even death.
- I understand that TOPEC will ensure so far as is reasonably practicable, the health and safety of participants, workers, and volunteers.
- I understand that I / my child will be involved in the explanation, learning and demonstration of safety procedures associated with an activity.
- It is acknowledged that it is important for me/my child to always follow the instructions and directions given by TOPEC members and officers. We understand that TOPEC will take all reasonable and practicable precautions to ensure my/ my child's safety but if I/my child does not follow the instructions and directions given by TOPEC members and officers then this could result in serious harm or injury which TOPEC has been unable to reasonably prevent.
- I will ensure that my child / I follow these procedures. I / my child will be responsible for any actions or inaction if these procedures are not followed.
- I know that I can ask any questions of TOPEC about the activities I / my child will be involved in, to gain a better understanding of the risks involved.
- I recognise that participation in such activities is voluntary and not mandatory. My child/I understand that I / they may withdraw from the activity if I / they feel at risk. This must be done in consultation with the person in charge and where the safety of self or others is not compromised.
- I understand that TOPEC does not accept responsibility for loss or damage to personal property and that it is my responsibility to check my own insurance policy.
- I understand that if at any time during the programme / activity - I / my child is under the influence of alcohol or drugs, or act in a way that endangers the safety of self or others, TOPEC has the right to stop further participation the programme / activity and with no right for refund of the fee.