

TOPEC Scaffolding 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, talking about past experiences, feeling safe/scared and how to deal with the feelings.

Practical: 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, what to do and how to avoid getting lost in the bush, and how to survive in the bush.

- **3-day Residential Camps** incorporate BushSafe, RiverSafe and team building activities that focus on working with others towards a common goal in a fun 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 Mt Taranaki and on the 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 learning (ABL), team challenges, bush skills and navigation, 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)

- **Training Schemes (Level 3)**

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

- **New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor Experiences (NZCOE) Level 3**

A level 3 qualification for senior students (study either part or full time) to develop skills towards a career in the Outdoors or further study. Incorporates self-management, leadership and work-ready skills.

- **New Zealand Certificate in Outdoor Leadership (NZCOL) Level 4**

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.