

Tekapo

Observatory Trip

EOTC@AoTawhiti



Each winter for the last 5 years, Florian has organised a trip to the Mt John Observatory in Tekapo. These trips have focused on Astronomy and Physics and were targeted primarily at senior science students. This year we hope to expand the scope of the trip and number of students attending. In addition to visiting the Mt John Observatory, students will learn about telescopes, astronomy and astrophotography, experience the outdoors by day and by night and undertake challenging outdoor activities.

The camp will start on Wednesday June 28th at 9.00am from the Dovedale campus and end on Friday June 30th at 3.00pm. Please complete the trip Health and Consent form (EOTC 4) and return it to the office as soon as possible. This form also acts as a consent form and must be signed by the parents or legal guardian. The cost of the activity is \$160.00 including transport, accommodation, food and entry into the observatory. Please contact the office if cost is a barrier to participation, as there may be support available. Payment is done through the office and is due before Friday 16th of June at 3.00pm. There are limited numbers of students on this camp; the booking will be done on a first-in first-served basis.

The group will travel by road, using minivans and cars. Volunteer parents to help with transport are welcome to join the trip. We will be staying at the Lakefront lodge in Tekapo, where we will prepare all meals together. No sleeping bags are needed for the lodge, but bring your own towel.

Participation Requirements:

- Students who require special medicines must ensure that they bring them - especially those for allergic reactions and asthma. Please advise us.
- Sturdy walking shoes or boots. Running shoes are fine.
- A warm woolen or polar-fleece jersey, a hat, a warm jacket, pair of gloves/mitts.
- Polypropylene, polar-fleece or wool leggings/pants.
- Water bottle, sunglasses, sunhat, sun-block.
- Togs if you plan to go to the hot pools (extra costs involved)
- Packed lunch for the first day.

Contact: If you have any questions or want to volunteer to come with us, please do not hesitate to contact Florian by email: florian.maisonneuve@aotawhiti.school.nz

Normal School expectations will apply throughout the duration of the camp. Cigarettes, alcohol and illegal substances must not be brought on the trip - quite apart from breaking school rules they compromise everyone's safety

