



8 February 2026

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

Year 13 Geography 3.5 Research Internal Assessment Data Collection Rotorua Fieldtrip – 4 – 6 March

EVENT INFORMATION

DATE: Wednesday, 4 March to Friday, 6 March 2026

DEPART: 8.30 am 4 March, SKC Bus Bay

RETURN: 3.30 pm 6 March, SKC Bus Bay

Year 13 Geography students will be visiting Rotorua for 3 days and 2 nights to collect primary and secondary data in the form of Sustainability Surveys about tourism operations. Selected tourist locations and attractions will be used to meet requirements for the AS 91430 (3.5) “Conduct Geographic Research with Consultation” 5 credit internal assessment. This field trip is also relevant for the 4 credit External Assessment AS 91427 “Tourism as a Cultural Process” as it is an opportunity for students to see the local environment. The city of Rotorua and surrounding region is our case study area to look at the development of tourism over time and space.

The group will be led by Geography teachers Jeff Mather (HOD of Geography), Henry Gatland and Julie Coughlan.

Students will be travelling as one large group to eight tourist attractions and locations as per the itinerary (see below). The itinerary has been arranged in consultation with the Rotorua Education Network, who have a wealth of experience organizing school visits.

CODE OF CONDUCT

Even though this field trip is off-campus, Saint Kentigern School rules and expectations still apply at all times. We expect students to uphold these rules and expectations.

TRANSPORT DETAILS

The majority of students will be travelling by Howick and Eastern Bus Company in one large bus and possibly a small group in one School Van (depending upon the number of students).

PARENTAL CONSENT FORM

Please can you click the following link to complete the required form to complete this no later than **Friday 20 February**.

[Saint Kentigern EOTC Informed Parental Consent & Health Profile Form Y13 Geography 2026 – Fill in form](#)

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VENUE/ACCOMMODATION

The students will be staying in Haka House, in central Rotorua <https://hakahouse.com/>. Please note this is a backpacker style accommodation and it is likely travellers/tourists may also be staying at the same time as our group. Haka House has separated our SKC rooms from other travellers/tourists. Most students will be staying in one building with 2, 3 or 4 to a room, with possibly a smaller group staying in shared twin rooms close to SKC Staff. The students will not be sharing toilets/showers with non-SKC visitors. Boys and girls will be in separate rooms, different areas and where possible on separate floors. Breakfast on Thursday and Friday mornings will be continental and provided by the College (and cleaned) by the students. Haka House has previously hosted school groups. The address is: 1278 Haupapa Street, Rotorua. The contact phone number is; [0210 887 4431](tel:02108874431) or [0800 888 913](tel:0800888913) press 4

COSTS

The cost of this trip is \$610 which will be charged to your student account. This covers the costs of transportation, two nights shared accommodation at Haka House, one evening meal, food for two continental breakfasts, and entry to tourist attractions as outlined on the itinerary (see below). Additionally, students will need to bring money for 3 lunches and one dinner at the Night Market and snacks.

GEAR LIST

Students will need to bring the following;

Clothing for 3 days – t-shirts, shorts, long trousers, socks, underwear, pyjamas	Raincoat (important!)
Saint Kentigern hoodie or jacket	Warm jacket/fleece top
Closed shoes suitable for walking	Togs, Towel and toiletries
Clear file, refill, pens, pencils, coloured pencils, cellphone to collect GIS data	School laptop (as we will have time in the evening to begin a write-up)
Money/Eftpos card to purchase 3 x lunch and 1 x evening meal at the Rotorua Night Market	Sunscreen, hat

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ITINERARY

Wednesday 4 March 2026

8:30am	Meet at Saint Kentigern College
8:45am	Load coach
9:00am	Depart Saint Kentigern College for Rotorua – food stop enroute
12:00pm	Velocity Valley and Survey
2:30pm	Agrodome Sheep Show Talk and Survey
4:30pm	Check into Haka House Dinner – provided by Fat Dog, venue is Fainting Goat restaurant
6:00pm	Walk-through from Fat Dog to Rotorua Lake Front to Survey recent upgrades. Return to Haka House.
7:30pm	
10:00pm	Bed and lights out

Thursday 5 March 2026

7:00am	Breakfast
8:00am	Depart Haka House for Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland
9:00am	Check into Waiotapu office, bathroom stop then proceed to Lady Knox Geyser.
9:30am	
10:00am	Waiotapu Thermal Wonderland and Survey
12:00pm	Waiotapu Talk
1:00pm	Lunch at Waiotapu
2:30pm	Tree Walk + Talk and Survey
4:00pm	Te Puia and Survey
5:30pm	Return to Haka House
6:00pm	Dinner –Rotorua Night Market. (in CBD)
7:30pm	Polynesian Spa – Pavilion Pools – Swim and Survey
10:00pm	Bed and lights out

Friday 6 March 2026

7:00am	Breakfast
9:00am	Skyline Speaker –Survey and Talk
11:30am	Early lunch
12:00pm	Depart for SKC
approx. 3:30pm	Arrive at Saint Kentigern

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If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to email me at the above address.

Yours sincerely

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