



**TAURANGA
BOYS' COLLEGE**

Best for Boys | Tama Tū Tama Ora

LEVEL 3 - OUTDOOR EDUCATION (ODE3)



2025

ENTRY REQUIREMENTS: TIC APPROVAL

Contribution/Donation:

\$950.00 for the year for all of the camps/activities (doesn't include food on camps/trips and medical costs for diving).

Introduction:

Level Three Outdoor Education is a course designed around 'the great outdoors'. Through a teaching and learning programme, students will have a chance to experience Outdoor activities, learn fundamental skills and technical knowledge, gain qualifications and of course, earn NCEA Level Three Achievement standard credits (15 in total).

The Environmental Care Code is the overarching theme throughout the year. Caring for the environment, looking at sustainable practices, and how we can operate safely in these environments are at the core of the course.

Content is delivered in classroom theory sessions, practical (outdoors) sessions and on trips/camps.

This subject is also a **University endorsed course**. This means that the credits accumulated over the year in this subject can contribute to it being one of your three University entrance required subjects if you are moving on to higher education. The course also recognises the NCEA 'Course Endorsement'. If you gain 14 or more credits at Merit and/or Excellence in this subject, you will gain an endorsement certificate.

Outdoor Education Statement:

To create a teaching and learning environment that meets the needs of the NZC whilst providing unique and challenging experiences for all students involved.

These experiences aim to contribute to the development of individuals while being part of the lifelong learning cycle of each student.

Outdoor Education Values:

- Leadership
- Hauora
- Knowledge of the outdoors
- Respect for Self, Others and the environment
- Safety of Self, Others and the environment

Outdoor Education Goals

By incorporating the Outdoor Education values listed above, we aim to:

- Pass every standard
- Aim for a minimum of a Merit grade in all assessments
- Have fun and make the most of my opportunities

- Be willing to learn and willing to give back

Lesson Structure:

The ODE3 course is ultimately designed to provide valuable outdoor experiences through which a range of educational requirements are delivered.

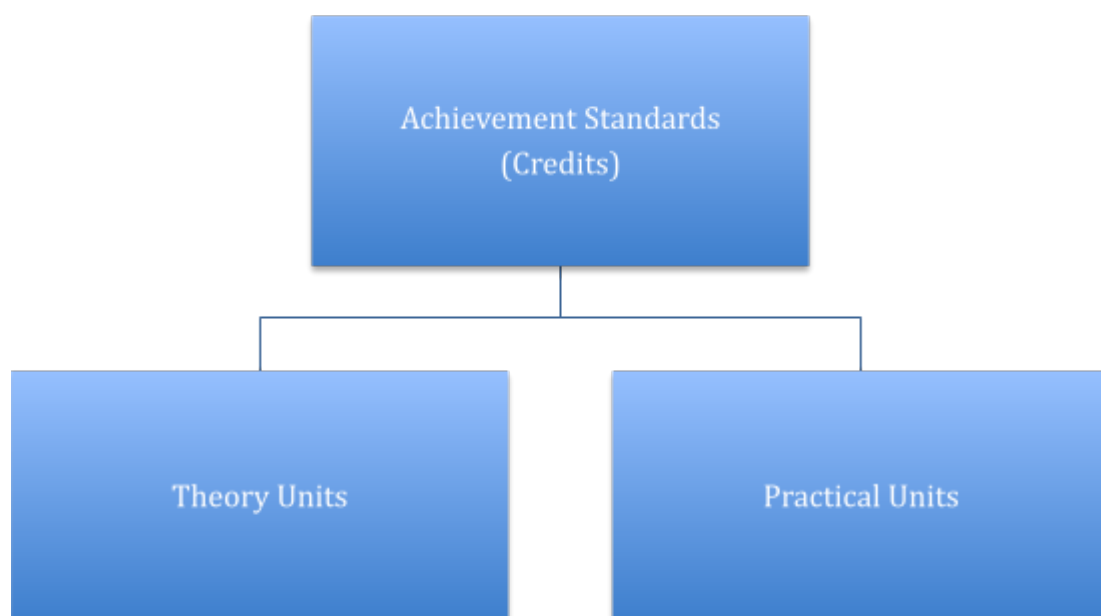
Ultimately, the assessment of achievement standards is at the core of the subject. Underneath each Achievement standard is units that are taught. These are made up of theory and practical units.

Theory: Theory units are primarily based on the teaching and learning of fundamental skills. For example, rather than just heading to the mountain to ski or board, we will learn the theoretical side of skiing and/or Snowboarding. i.e. Avalanche safety, mountain rules, technique and theory, types of equipment and uses, and lift courtesy.

Occasionally, there are also theory lessons designed to help meet the requirements of the current achievement standard at the time.

Practical: 'Prac' units and lessons are designed to put the theory into practice. These units and lessons are almost always done outside of the classroom or off-site and either involve some travel or are incorporated on a camp.

By combining the Theory and Practical elements, the students are now able to meet the requirements of the different achievement standards, thus being able to gain credits (see below)



ODE3 ACADEMIC OVERVIEW

Standard	Description	Activity	Credits
AS 3.7 (AS91504 version 3) (*)	Safety in the Outdoors (Assessment – Practical, verbal and written).	Mountain Biking, Complete Timber Trail	3
AS 3.4 (AS91501 version 2) # (** 4)	Skill application in Outdoor Activity (Assessment – Practical).	Skiing/Boarding, Mountain Biking and Surfing	4
AS 3.1 (AS91498 version 2)	Evaluate physical activity experiences to devise strategies for lifelong well-being (Assessment – Practical and written).	Macpac Rogaine Series - Hillary Outdoors & Surfing at the Mount	4
AS 3.8 (AS91505 version 2) (* 4)	Leadership in the Outdoors (Assessment – Practical, verbal and written).	Mountain Biking, Skiing & Snowboarding (will change out if Ruapehu alpine lifts are not running)	4
US28392 Version 1 #	PADI SCUBA: Dive in open Water to a maximum depth of 18 metres (Assessment – Practical and written - e-learning)	<u>Open Water Diving</u> (Need to get own medical clearance)	7
US4393 Version 1 #	PADI SCUBA: Navigate underwater while SCUBA diving in open water (Assessment – Practical and written - e-learning).	<u>Advanced Diving</u> (Need to get own medical clearance)	4
US4394 Version 1 #	PADI SCUBA: Complete computer-aided SCUBA dives in open water (Assessment – Practical and written - e-learning).	<u>Advanced Diving</u> (Need to get own medical clearance)	3

There is no Additional Assessment opportunity for this Standard.

* Indicates that literacy credits are available for this standard.

** Indicates that numeracy credits are available for this standard.

NOTE: Diving is not compulsory. Students need to attend all meetings and submit all paperwork on time.

Total Credits 15 AS
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PARENT/CAREGIVER NOTICE: LEVEL 3 OUTDOOR EDUCATION

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

To ensure a successful year for your son in Outdoor Education, it is important that you, as parents/caregivers, are provided with some key information.

Year Planner:

A copy of the intended year planner is attached. It is subject to change but will give you an indication of when assessments and camps are scheduled.

NCEA:

Level 3 Outdoor Education is assessed primarily using Achievement Standards. Students can achieve, achieve with merit, and achieve excellence in all assessments.

Camps:

Students will have the opportunity to attend a number of camps this year. An information notice will be placed on Google Classroom in the weeks leading up to the camps. Students are expected to arrange their own meals in groups and are responsible for their own gear. Both of which will be discussed in class.

Health Forms:

Attached is a medical disclosure form, which needs to be filled out and handed back to your son's teacher. Medical information is crucial so that we may make informed decisions about your son's well-being. By signing the health forms, you are thereby giving permission for your son to participate in all of the EOTC (Education Outside the Classroom) activities that we cover in this course. This includes, but is not limited to

- Camps and overnight trips
- Day trips
- Local Off-site activities
- Swimming and water activities

Contribution:

As this is an optional course, a donation of **\$950.00** is hugely important to pay for the costs associated with the planned activities that we do. This donation covers the cost of activities that we complete throughout the year. Therefore, without a student donation for this course, we would not be able to offer the range of activities or camps that we currently do. Prompt payment of this donation is appreciated; alternatively, you can set up an automatic payment at the school office.

This is not a compulsory course, and there are further options within our school that may better suit your son's needs.

Teacher contact details.

If you wish to contact your son's outdoor education teacher, the most effective way is usually by email. We will endeavour to answer any queries you may have about the course and your son's performance.

Nic Christie n.christie@tbc.school.nz

We look forward to working with you to facilitate a successful year for your son in Outdoor Education.

YEAR PLANNER

TERM 1

Camps/Events

- **Week 10 9th - 11th April @ Hahei** - Surfing & Snorkelling camp - Safety Management & Well-being (Hauora). 3.4 Practical grade - 4 credits.
- **19th March** - Macpac Rogaine event.

Activities

- Surfing and Map reading @ Mount Beach during double periods, fitness session once a week

TERM 2

Camps/Events

- **Open Water Dive Course** - Details and dates to be confirmed. Dive Zone Tauranga.
- **27th/28th May or 4th/5th June @ Timber trail (Pureroa Forest)** - Mountain biking NZ trail - Safety Management 3.7 - 3 credits
- **18th or 24th June @ Rotorua Redwoods** - Mountain biking at Redwoods Mountain bike park- including shuttles - 3.8 Leadership & 3.4 Practical grade - 4 credits

Activities

- Mountain Biking on local trails including Oropi & Summerhill MTB Parks.

TERM 3

Camps/ Events

- **1st- 3rd September @ Turoa** - Skiing/Snowboarding at Mount Ruapehu - 3.4 Practical grade & 3.8 Leadership - 4 credits

Activities

- Mountain Biking on local trails, fitness session, Squash at Susan Devoy Courts, Rock climbing

NOTE - these dates are subject to change. Please check Google Classroom for up-to-date information on dates and times for trips and camps for the ODE3 course.