

Local Trip Consent Form

During your son's time at St Bernard's College, he will enjoy many educational outings and off-site visits.

It is a legal requirement for us to identify risks to health and safety when taking our students off-site. A formal risk assessment is required before any trip is given approval by the college's Senior Leadership Team. This risk assessment prepared by the trip organiser details aspects such as:

- the reason or justification for the trip
- staff supervision details
- transport arrangements
- medical details
- contact details
- associated risks and how these will be mitigated.

Requiring an individual consent form from each parent for each trip causes significant issues – particularly when relying on the boys either to give you the details or to return the consent form to their teacher.

Therefore, we are asking you to agree to an off-site day trip consent to cover your son's time at the college. This has become common practice in many colleges. This blanket consent may be used to cover local visits (within 50km radius of the College), games trips and other visits that will take place during normal school time under the supervision of school staff. Detailed information concerning the aim of the visit, the destination, dates and timings will be provided in writing (usually by email) to you prior to any trip. You will, of course, be able to request further clarification and/or refuse consent for any particular trip but would need to instigate this action yourself.

Risk assessed to be greater than that associated with the average family activity will require separate permission to be given.

Day Trip and Local Visit Consent

I give my son consent to attend off-site day-trips that are organised by the college as detailed above.

I further understand that I will be notified of each trip that my son will be involved in and that I will be given the opportunity to seek further clarification of details and/or withdraw my consent in writing if I wish to do so.

I understand that a risk assessment will be conducted for each trip my son is involved in and that the college leadership will give approval before that trip can occur.