



SIXTUS LODGE ORIENTATION COURSE

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Sixtus Lodge is a fantastic outdoor education facility, located an hour north of Feilding, in the foothills of the Ruahine Forest Park. It is the perfect location for school camps, or other groups wanting to experience the great outdoors.

With the pressures of teaching in today's world, EOTC activities can be a challenge to organise. Often teachers lack time, confidence, knowledge, experience and support to organise school camps. The Sixtus Lodge Trust Board is motivated to support and encourage teachers and group leaders to organise wonderful camps and outdoor experiences for our young people. In the increasingly digital world many of our students live in, has there ever been a more important time to expose kids to the kind of outdoor environment provided at Sixtus Lodge?

The two day course will run on **May 13-14 2024** (participants will stay the night at the lodge) and will be led by Di Simpson (Deputy Principal and Year 7 & 8 teacher at Halcombe School), Richard Dodunski (Deputy Principal at Lytton Street School), and Greg Allen (Principal at South Mākirikiri School). Di, Richard and Greg have led numerous camps to Sixtus Lodge, and have a passion for ensuring the lodge continues to be well used.

The purpose of the course, is to give leaders the confidence, skills and knowledge to lead up to a week-long camp. There is no charge to attend.



WHAT WILL BE COVERED DURING THE ORIENTATION COURSE?

- Three tramps: Limestone Creek (glow worm caves), Deerford Loop Track and Alice Nash Memorial Lodge/Oroua River Track (a reasonable level of fitness is required).
- How to organise up to a week-long camp, including communication with parents, RAM forms, gear lists, an itinerary, menu, budget and possible links to classroom learning, both pre and post camp.
- This will be an everything-you-need-to-know to run a great camp type of course!

WHY CHOOSE SIXTUS LODGE FOR YOUR SCHOOL CAMP?

- Location - only an hour north of Feilding.
- Cost - only \$12/night per person.
- Facilities - these are in superb condition.
- Proximity - native bush surrounds the lodge, glow worm caves, tramping and an endless list of fun, challenging activities that can be done in this environment.

If you have any questions, or are interested in attending an orientation course, please contact Di Simpson:
dsimpson@halcombe.school.nz or 027 663 7770.
Registrations close on Friday 12 April.



2022 Sixtus Lodge Orientation Course participants, representing Newbury, North Street, Riverdale, Kopane and Longburn schools.