



Year 9 Field Science
11th November 2025

Dear Whanau, Parents/Caregivers,

As part of year 9 science at SOHS we are giving students the opportunity to engage in some real ‘hands on’ science out in the field so they can experience ways science is used in everyday life. This will allow students to see the purpose of science in school and a few of the many places and careers it can lead to when they finish school. We will be outside all day, so please ensure that the students have appropriate clothing for this. We will make sure sunscreen is available.

We will be visiting a farm at Toko Mouth and going down to the beach and estuary. We will be based at Toko Farm at Toko Mouth and the estuary on Tuesday 11th November. We intend to leave at 8.45am and return by 3pm for the buses. All Year 9 students will be transported in groups by van to the venues and groups will rotate through the activities throughout the day with a lunch break.

The activities we will be participating in are predominantly ecological and water science based, including freshwater species identification, river health monitoring, riparian planting, learning about our local fault line (the Akatore fault) and participating in riparian planting and a station run by the NZ Marine Studies Centre.

Students must bring:

- Gumboots or shoes that can get dirty/wet
- A rain jacket
- Insect repellent
- Sun hat + sunscreen
- Spare clothes (just in case)
- Lunch and Water (**Students must bring food and drink** for lunch and snacks as there will be no opportunity to stop and purchase food, lots of water is a must as it may be hot)

This trip is an enhancement to the delivery of the curriculum to support their in class learning and improve their understanding of real world science. The cost per student is \$15 and we welcome donations to help offset this cost to enable activities like this to run. Donations can be paid throughout the year and a receipt will be issued to enable parents to claim back tax relief (approximately 30%).

Please fill the slip below and return this and the money to the office no later than Monday 3rd November 2025

Regards,

SOHS Science department

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Please return to office by Monday 3rd November 2025

Student's full name _____

- I enclose \$15 in payment for my child for **the year 9 field science trip**
- I have deposited \$15 into the SOHS bank account 02 0918 0160198 00 on (date) _____ in payment for my child for **the year 9 field science trip**

My emergency contact number is: _____

My child has the following injuries or medical conditions/ and takes the following medication:

Permission: Signed parent/caregiver: _____

Date: _____