



# Nature's Den

Quality Education & Care

Dear \_\_\_\_\_, Principal of \_\_\_\_\_ School

\_\_\_\_\_ has enrolled in bush & farm school, I am writing to ask your permission for her to attend once a week.

We offer a one-day a week bush & farm programme for tamariki 4.5-12 years old. We do not receive any Government funding; we are an independent small business.

Under the New Zealand Education Act 1989, children are able to be released from their regular school, with discretion from their Principal, to receive education outside the classroom (EOTC) for one day a week.

Our classroom is surrounded by nature, with open spaces for children to learn and grow through exploration. Our curriculum is supported by the key competencies of the Early Childhood Curriculum (Te Whariki) and the New Zealand School Curriculum. We are not tied to a tight schedule; every day is completely different, offering many opportunities for children to develop a range of skills.

We work in partnership with your school and aim to show how we can complement what you already do to benefit the child.

The child's holistic development (social, emotional, spiritual, physical and cognitive) is nurtured through enriching free play experiences that foster their curiosity, confidence, innovation, resilience and imagination.

Our tamariki will learn how to problem-solve and take risks in a safe environment, and they will learn how to care for and respect the environment as well as others.

They will learn through real authentic experiences, such as learning how to build huts, cooking food on a campfire, collecting loose parts, discovering who lives in our native bush, and working out theories together to problem-solve.

You are more than welcome to contact me at [alex@naturesden.co.nz](mailto:alex@naturesden.co.nz) for more information.

Yours sincerely,

Alex Sherie – Director

I, \_\_\_\_\_ give permission for \_\_\_\_\_ to attend Nature's Den bush & farm school.

Principals signature \_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_