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To whom it may concern.

We have been providers of outdoor education for Tamariki School since 1996. During this time we have watched and worked with Tamariki children, staff and parents.

My overall impression of Tamariki School is the respect that all members of the school community have for each other. Tamariki School is the only school we have ever worked with in which we have never observed bullying. It is a safe environment for children to be. Because of this care I noticed children were better able to challenge themselves on activities.

Tamariki School families were involved in every aspect of camps. The support for the school and feeling of belonging to the school makes the school stand out.

Children are encouraged to make choices for themselves. They are actively involved in making decisions about their own learning and supported to manage themselves.

Tamariki children could contribute to group decision making

Teachers were actively following and assessing each child's learning as they participated in the outdoor activities. This level of observation and understanding of individual learning meant the teachers knew how to get the best of each child. No child was ignored during the activities. Our outdoor education activities can be challenging for children, and it is a real strength that Tamariki could support children on an individual basis through activities like our high ropes course and coasteering.

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