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2024 SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

Mansfield Secondary College (MSC) students are in an enviable position of being close to Mt Buller, and our Year 7-10 students are offered the opportunity to ski or snowboard **every Wednesday during Term 3** with the College.

Please take the time to read the following information thoroughly:

- Bookings must be made at least **7 days prior to departure**, so please make note of the **BOOKING DATE DEADLINES** at the end of this document.
- Strict deadlines are in place to ensure the smooth operation of the program.
- All students will have a 1½ hr lesson at 11:30am or 1:30pm.
- Students will ski/snowboard in either the morning or afternoon (depending on lesson time) in ability groups, on designated runs and zones, with staff and/or parents/guardians assigned to these groups/zones.
- Students can book week to week or can commit to multiple weeks.
- In line with *MSC Positive Behaviours in Schools Program* students must be up to date with work, always wear school uniform and are conducting themselves appropriately to have their booking accepted.
- MSC strongly recommend that students participating in the Snowsports Program have Ambulance cover.
- MSC does not endorse students missing school to spend a 'day off' at Mt Buller (that is not a part of the Wednesday Snowsports Program).

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Refunds will be offered if MSC cancel the program due to inclement weather conditions.
- Any cancellations must be made in writing by the Monday prior to the scheduled departure. In these instances, a full refund will be offered.
- If a cancellation is made after the Monday prior to the scheduled departure, in line with the MSC Refund Policy, a refund will only be considered under the following circumstances:
 - if the cancellation is the result of sickness or accident. Claims for refund, must be made in writing within 2 weeks after the event and supported by a medical certificate.
 - an 'Exceptional Circumstance,' such as non-medical circumstances that prevents a student from attending an activity, which include bereavements, national or international representation in sporting or cultural pursuits and religious observance. NOTE: family holidays or appointments are not considered an exceptional circumstance.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

- The Snowsports Program is managed as a school excursion.
- All participating students are expected to take the bus to Mt Buller from MSC. There will be **NO** pick-ups on the way.
- Students should be at the MSC bus stop by 8:50am, and the bus leaves at 9:00am.
- The bus departs Mt Buller in the afternoon at 4:00pm, with an estimated return to MSC at 5:00pm.
- On the return trip, we do one drop-off only, at the Hunt Club Hotel, Merrijig, at approximately 4.40pm.

LESSONS

- All students will participate in a morning or afternoon lesson by a qualified instructor.
- Students will be placed into lesson groups according to their ability/skills within their discipline, and this is assessed each week.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

- By completing the *Registration Form*, you are **not** committing to attending any dates. It is simply a means for us to ease the administrative burden of the Program.
- The *Registration Form* and the *Medical Form* must be completed in full and returned to the School Office by **Wednesday 12 June 2024**.
- **Unless a Registration Form and Medical Form are completed and returned to the School Office by Wednesday 12 June 2024 your child will not be eligible to participate in the Program.**

PARENT VOLUNTEERS

Parent volunteers are vital to ensure the viability of the program. If you can offer your time and volunteer, please complete the *Parent Volunteer* section of the Registration Form.

WHAT STUDENTS NEED

Places are conditional only where a student is up to date with work, wears uniform and is conducting themselves appropriately.

- **Bus** – all students will take the bus from MSC to Mt Buller each Wednesday. Only exceptions are students who live on the mountain.
- **Lift Pass** – either a pre-purchased Season Membership (BTAG) or Lift Pass through MSC each week.
 - *Students MUST BRING THEIR BTAG EACH WEEK if they have a Season Membership.*
- **Lesson**
- **Appropriate Clothing** - *all clothing, protective gear, and sunscreen are the student's responsibility.*

All students are required to have the appropriate clothing, otherwise they may jeopardise their involvement on the day.

Appropriate Clothing:

 - jacket and waterproof pants
 - warm clothing – including thermals, a fleece or woollen jumper
 - helmet – compulsory. See local stores for professional advice (helmets are included when hiring equipment)
 - wrist guards - snowboarders only
 - beanie
 - layers of clothing (not cotton)
 - spare clothing if weather looks poor
 - gloves
 - goggles
 - sunscreen
- **Equipment** - either skis (and boots & poles) or snowboard (and boots). Your own or hire package.
- **Food & Drink** - students are expected to bring their own snacks, packed lunch, and a drink.
- **MSC Armband** - all students will be required to wear an armband (supplied by MSC) which is to always be visible.

Equipment Hire and/or Clothing Hire

- If hiring equipment and/or clothing via MSC's Snowsports Program, this will be collected from Buller Sports on arrival at Mt Buller.
- Equipment hire - snowboard packages include boots, binding, helmet and wrist guards, and ski packages include skis, boots, poles, and helmet.
- *Note: due to hygiene reasons goggles and gloves are NOT available for hire. These items should be purchased prior to departure.*
- If hiring independently, students need to arrive at the MSC bus stop with their equipment.

Thanks to the generous donation from the Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day there has only been a slight increase in prices for 2024. The Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day specifically supports Mansfield schools Snowsports Programs. More information about the program is on the last page.

PACKAGE DETAILS

Weekly Package Option	I have....	I will need...	Weekly Charge
Package 1*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Season Membership, • my own equipment, • my own outerwear, and • live on Mt Buller (no transportation required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lesson 	\$51
Package 2*	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My own equipment, • my own outerwear, and • live on Mt Buller (no transportation required) 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Lift Pass & • Lesson 	\$71
Package 3	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Season Membership, • my own equipment, and • my own outerwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus & • Lesson 	\$76
Package 4	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My own equipment, and • my own outerwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus, • Lift Pass & • Lesson 	\$96
Package 5	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Season Membership, and • my own outerwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus, • Lesson & • Equipment Hire 	\$118
Package 6	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • My own outerwear 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus, • Lift Pass, • Lesson & • Equipment Hire 	\$138
Package 7	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need the complete package including jacket OR pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus, • Lift Pass, • Lesson, • Equipment Hire & Outerwear Hire 	\$172
Package 8	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • I need the complete package including jacket AND pants 	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus, • Lift Pass, • Lesson, • Equipment Hire & Outerwear Hire 	\$186

- *Students are expected to catch the bus to Mt Buller. The only exception is for students who live on the mountain.
- All pricing above includes an administration charge which helps to cover staff costs.
- Seats on the bus are for a return trip – no 'one-way' discount will apply. If your child only requires a one-way seat, please advise the School Office at the time of booking.

WHAT DO STUDENTS NEED TO DO TO ENSURE THEY ARE ELIGIBLE TO PARTICIPATE

Students must:

- Be up to date with all their work, exhibit positive behaviour and consistently wear school uniform- they will be notified if they are not eligible to participate.
- Watch the "Snow Safe" video: <http://snowsafe.org.au/>.
- Be aware and behave in accordance with the 10 rules in respect to the *Alpine Responsibility Code*: https://cdn.mtbullercdn.com.au/assets/6519_psr_fa_alpineresponsibilitya4flyer.pdf. Should any student not conduct themselves in a respectful manner on the mountain, they will not be permitted to participate again.
- Check the Snowsports notice board, located outside the Library every Friday. If there is an issue with the booking or group discuss with the School Office team immediately.
- Attend scheduled Snowsports meetings.

HOW TO BOOK EACH WEEK

- Ensure the *Registration Form* and *Medical Form* are returned to the School Office by **Wednesday 12 June 2024**. There will be NO exceptions.
- We encourage families to pay via Compass, BPAY or direct deposit for the relevant weekly package fee (refer to the [booking date deadlines](#) below) or bookings can be made via the School Office.
- **IMPORTANT:** if you pay via Direct Deposit or BPAY you **MUST** send a copy of the remittance advice or screenshot of the payment to the School Office, with the week that your child will be attending, via email to finance@mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au to ensure your booking is secured. If you do NOT send this, your booking will NOT be secured. Please advise which week you are paying for.
- Parents can call the School Office with any questions or students can speak directly with the team at the Office.
- Payments may be made in advance for multiple weeks. We suggest parents consider paying in advance where possible to avoid missing the booking deadlines.
- If you have CSEF on your account that you would like to use, you will need to call each week to check the balance and confirm the upcoming week's booking.

IMPORTANT DATES & BOOKING DATE DEADLINES:

- Please do NOT pay anything until you have received the 2024 Snowsports welcome email.
- If you need assistance with the *Registration Form*, contact the School Office.

There will be NO exceptions if a booking deadline is not met.

All bookings can be made by:

- Compass **OR**
- Phone the School Office on 5775 2022 **OR**
- Direct Deposit Bank Account details:
Account Name: Mansfield Secondary College
Account BSB: 083 755
Account Number: 515 906 741
Reference: Snowsports [Student's Surname]
- BPAY Biller Code: 87361. Please contact the School Office if you do not know your BPAY Reference Number
- Email finance@mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au with your child/ren's name and dates they will be attending. Please include a copy of the remittance advice or screenshot of the payment

Term 2 Deadlines	
Wednesday 12 June 2024	Registration Form and Medical Form to be returned to the School Office. <u>Unless a <i>Registration Form</i> and <i>Medical form</i> is completed and returned to the School Office by Wednesday 12 June 2024 your child will not be eligible to participate in the Program.</u>
Friday 16 June 2024	An email will be sent via Compass to welcome families to the Program.
Wednesday 26 June 2024*	<u>Booking due for Week 1</u> Wednesday 17 July 2024
Term 3 Deadlines	
Wednesday 17 July 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 2</u> Wednesday 24 July 2024
Friday 19 July 2024	<u>Bookings due for Cross Country Interschools & Interschools Snowsports (including multi class)</u> Bookings made by contacting the School Office
Wednesday 24 July 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 3</u> Wednesday 31 July 2024
Wednesday 31 July 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 4</u> Wednesday 7 August 2024
Wednesday 7 August 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 5</u> Wednesday 14 August 2024
Wednesday 14 August 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 6</u> Wednesday 21 August 2024
Wednesday 21 August 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 7</u> Wednesday 28 August 2024
Wednesday 28 August 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 8</u> Wednesday 4 September 2024
Wednesday 4 September 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 9</u> Wednesday 11 September 2024
Wednesday 11 September 2024	<u>Booking due for Week 10</u> Wednesday 18 September 2024

*This booking date is more than 7 days in advance due to the school holidays.

MARK ADAMS ANNUAL SKI & GOLF FUNDRAISING DAY

The Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day is held each year in July. The fundraising event first commenced in 1999 to raise money towards Mansfield schools Snowsports Programs. MSC has been a benefactor of this event since its creation. Money raised goes towards subsidising the cost of the program for all participants as well as assisting wellbeing students to participate in our Wednesday Program.

The success of the event relies on donations from our local community, which we are very appreciative of.

This event allows teams of 4 to enjoy the sporting attributes of skiing at Buller and playing golf in Mansfield whilst helping to raise money for a worthy cause. Consistency rather than speed is the objective around the gates and teams are rewarded for having the smallest time differential between each rider's two runs. Following the ski and snowboard leg, the teams make their way to the Mansfield Golf Course for a BBQ lunch followed by an Ambrose competition.

After the round finishes, presentations occur at the Golf Club and a vast array of fantastic prizes are given out to the eight different category winners.

These prizes have been generously donated by the secondary sponsors who also make this event possible.

Should you wish to donate to the Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day please contact abbey.mcconnell@education.vic.gov.au or call the School Office on 5775 2022.

For more information visit the Mt Buller website: [Mt Buller - Adams Ski & Golf Day](#)