The Scots College

2013

Snowsports Academy
The Scots College Snowsports Academy - Parent Information Booklet

Aim

We will develop and enhance the quality of learning and the balance of co-curricular opportunities for boys in sport, the performing and creative arts, and other cultural endeavors.

We will strengthen the local, national and international standing of the College in Snowsports by developing strategic partnerships and programs which benefit our boys’ learning pathways, and provides a balance between their co-curricular endeavors and their academic program.

Rationale

A desire for excellence in learning, both in the classroom and out of the classroom, should remain at the heart of our educational mission and practice. Learning is largely about creating a context for motivation. To fully realise this exciting and distinctive vision for snowsports, we must firstly continue to grow our educational programs for these boys in a way that nurtures and sustains connections within the school community. Secondly, we need to provide a school curriculum and pedagogy that is responsive to the needs of these students with special sporting interests and talents. This in turn will serve to continue to create pride in who we are, and demand that we maintain our standards and pursuit of excellence.

Snowsports Academy Objectives

1. To provide an opportunity for students to reach both their academic and sporting potential.
2. To provide a pathway for those athletes who have the ability to progress to the SSA National Team to represent Australia
Campus and Location:

The Lions Lair, Smiggin Holes NSW, 2627

The Lions Lair is located on-snow in Smiggin Holes.

With spectacular views and an idyllic location, Lions Lair is a warm and cosy lodge conveniently situated just 150 metres from the lifts. The lodge has been renovated recently. The ground floor contains the lounge, recreation and study area, dining room, drying room, ski lockers, laundry and large kitchen where the meals are prepared by the Resident Managers. All rooms upstairs have private facilities and sleep 2-4 students.
Dates:

Sunday 23 June – Friday 2 August (6 weeks)

Sunday 4 August - Saturday 31 August (4 weeks)

The squad will meet at the Lions Lair, Sunday 23 June at 6:00 pm and the boys will be picked up by their parents from the Lions Lair, Saturday 3 August at 10:00 am.

The Academy will commence again at the Lions Lair on Sunday 4 August at 6:00 pm, and the boys will be picked up by their parents from the Lions Lair, Saturday 31 August at 10:00 am.

Squad:

Twenty athletes will be selected on their previous achievements and potential.

Responsibility of the selected athlete

The athlete must comply, fulfill and observe the requirements of the TSC Snowsports Academy Program

All participants are required to complete their studies to the best of their ability and complete set tasks as if they were at the main campus

Attend dryland training specially designed for the TSC Snowsports Academy Program

Attain physical benchmarks to be determined by the Director of Snowsports, Elite Athlete Manager and the “Strength and Conditioning” coach

Compete in all relevant Interschool Snowsports Competitions as a representative of The Scots College

Compete in relevant competitions offered by the SSA

Maintain a high level of performance in the Interschool and SSA sanctioned competitions
Removal from the squad:

Any athlete who:

- breaches or fails to comply, fulfil and observe the requirements of the TSC Snowsports Academy Program

- has failed to sustain his performance and attitude to a satisfactory level, provided that the required performance levels had first been discussed with the athlete and the athlete had been given the opportunity to attain those performance levels within a defined time frame

- breaches or fails to comply with the College’s Code of Conduct

Please note: there will be no refund of the TSC Snowsports Academy fee if a student is removed from program for the above reasons.

Academic:

All students are required to complete their studies to the best of their ability and complete set tasks as if they were at the main campus (four afternoon/evening sessions and 2 full day academic sessions per week).

Students will be supported in their academic work by residential staff and external tutors. Access to specialist staff will be accommodated where possible. A proposed Weekly Plan can be found in the Appendix.

The Bellevue Hill staff will be able to have an input through phone calls, emails and Microsoft OCS Live Meeting which enables chat, audio, web classrooms, desktop sharing, application sharing (power point etc.), file transfer, recording and reuse of whole sessions via Online classroom in Pipeline.

Students must have mobile phones. Please note that Telstra provides the best coverage in the Snowy region.
Ministry to students

Throughout the time that students spend at the Snowsports Academy, they will be provided with regular input in terms of Christian ministry. The boys will have a weekly visit from Lloyd Bennett (Chaplain), who will share a meal with the boys at the lodge, present a devotion and / or Bible study and provide a context for questions and informal discussion. This will present a very positive opportunity for dinner table conversation concerning spiritual issues, with a more formal component preceding the meal. The boys will also have a 30 minute weekly Chapel service, conducted by Lloyd Bennett, in the Church Hall above the Lion’s Den.

Snowsports Program:

All participants must be registered members of the Perisher Winter Sports Club (45 day program @ $2995) or participate in a program with a private coach. Athletes must follow the programs set out by the above organizations and attend on-snow and dryland training sessions. Additional training sessions will be conducted by the College staff.

Parents will need to make personal arrangements and meet the cost of the Perisher Winter Sports Club or private coaching, lift/tube passes, lockers on the mountain, equipment and maintenance. Any competition held outside the Perisher/Thredbo area will be the responsibility of the parents in terms of transport, accommodation, supervision and cost.

Staffing:

Director of Snowsports
Assistant Director of Snowsports
Specialist tutors
Managers (2)

The TSC Snowsports Academy will be fully supervised throughout the program and the students’ academic, physical and welfare needs will be considered at all times. Two Scots College resident staff members will be responsible for the wellbeing and academic progress of the athletes. Specialist teachers will also visit the campus to provide intensive subject-specific assistance and tutorials.
The Resident Staff members will transport the boys to and from training, competitions and events. Staff will also cater for specific transport requirement eg: visit to doctors’ surgery. The Resident Staff members will provide academic support during the study days and afternoon/evening study sessions.
Between the two periods of the Academy, staff will not be required to be on duty and the College will not be operating the Academy at the Lions Lair.
Non-resident tutors will attend the specific subject requirements of the boys on a casual basis.
The Resident Managers will be responsible for the daily operation of the Lions Lair and will provide breakfast, lunch and dinner on a daily bases. The menu will be tailored around the dietary needs of the athletes.

**Dispensation of medication**

Resident staff will store and dispense medication if authorized in writing by parents and if medication is supplied. Students have responsibility to attend to medication needs.
Medication will be retained in a secure box.

**Parent Involvement and accommodation**

Parents are responsible for the transportation of their boys to and from the TSC Snowsports Academy facility on 23 June, 2 August, 4 August and 31 August.

At the end of the first 6 week stay all boys and staff will vacate the facility. Parents will be responsible for the accommodation and supervision of their boys from **2 August, 6:00 pm**. Parents will be required to transport boys to the Academy facility on **4 August by 6:00 pm**.

During the Snowsports Academy Program, leave requirement will be granted through ordinary school procedures. On weekdays parents are not encouraged to visit the boys but weekend leave may be granted in special circumstances.

Arrangements will be made by the TSC Snowsports Academy to attend competitions and events in the Perisher/Thredbo area but any competition held outside the Perisher/Thredbo area will be the responsibility of the parent in terms of transport, accommodation, supervision and cost.
It is the responsibility of the parents to enroll their sons in the club programs and meet all related costs: fees, lift passes, tube passes, lockers, equipment and maintenance.

**Damage**

The full repair cost for any damage caused to the property accidentally or otherwise by the students will be the responsibility of the parents.

**Cost:**

The cost for 2013 will be $8050.00 per student. A $1000 deposit must be paid by Friday 10 May 2013. The remainder will be paid by Friday 14 June 2013. Please make payment online via the TSC Pipeline Portal: Online Payments Tab → Camps & Tours → TSC Snowsports Academy.

The cost of the TSC Snowsports Academy program is in addition to ordinary school fees. The cost includes accommodation, food (breakfast, lunch & dinner), staffing and transport in the Snowy region.

Please note that Mr Andrew Kovari will be overseas from Saturday 23 March. He will return to school in Term 2.

Any urgent questions should be directed to Mr Andy Hunt mob: 0433 920 536, email: a.hunt@tsc.nsw.edu.au

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**Mr Andrew Kovari**

Director of Snowsports

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APPENDIX

TSC SNOWSPORTS ACADEMY PACKING LIST

Please ensure that you pack ALL of the following items. Packing all of these items will assist you in having a safe and enjoyable time. Make certain you have your name in all your clothing items.

Clothing & Footwear:
- 2 sets of polypropylene or wool (not cotton) thermals – top & legs
- Warm jumpers – Wool or Fleece (not cotton)
- TSC Track suit
- Beanie
- Scarfs
- Gloves
- T-shirts & long-sleeved shirts
- Underwear
- Socks – various types
- Long pants & casual clothing for when you are at the lodge
- A supportive pair of shoes with thick non-slip soles (For use on snow).
- Second pair of shoes for lodge
- Slippers
- Towels (Supplied at the lodge but if you prefer your own)
- Your favourite Doona and Pillow if you feel the need (blankets and bed linen provided)
- Gym training gear, runners etc
- Swimmers
- Personal toiletries
- Personal medications (ventolin, etc...)
- PJ’s
- Warm going out clothes, (Movies etc)
- TSC Snowsports vest
- TSC XC uniform (if applicable)
- Drink bottles
☐ 30+ Sunscreen & lip cream
☐ Sun hat
☐ Sunglasses
☐ Camera
☐ iPod
☐ Season Pass (with Tube access)
☐ Additional spending money (Perhaps an Eftpos or debit card may be suitable)
☐ Laptop
☐ School books, texts, Bible, Year book
☐ Pencil case, USB,
☐ Wii Games
☐ DVD’s
☐ Mobile Phone (Telstra)
☐ Lunch box

Gear & Equipment:
☐ One large bag that fits all your gear in it. (Preferable)
☐ Skis, Poles or Snowboard.
☐ Boots (Ski Boots, Snowboard boots and/or cross country boots)
☐ Goggles
☐ Gloves x2
☐ Helmets (Compulsory for all activities except cross country)
☐ Backpack – For going up and down the tube.
☐ Waterproof Snow Pants & Jacket (jacket needs a hood)
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