

Junior School

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Dear Parents

Each year over 100 boys from Scotch College compete in the Interschools skiing program which covers five divisions from Prep to Year 12. The event is held at Mt Buller and gives students from a large range of schools across Victoria the opportunity to compete in various winter sport events. The size of the competition grows considerably each year and provides a wonderful experience for the students who compete. After a successful year in 2008 we are again hoping to assemble strong teams to represent the College in 2009.

The following letter contains important information necessary for your son to compete in the trials weekend and the Victorian Interschools Championships. Further information will be disseminated closer to the event which outlines event timings, bib collection and National Interschool Championships should your son be successful at the state level.

This year Scotch College Junior School will enter teams in all divisions for the following events:

Giant Slalom - Alpine Skiing	Giant Slalom – Snowboarding	Skier Cross
Boarder Cross	Moguls	Cross Country Relay/Classic

Division 4 events are open to boys in Years 5 and 6 and Division 5 events are open to boys in Prep to Year 4. The Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships will be held at Mt Buller from **Wednesday 26 August 2009** to **Friday 28 August 2009** (for Prep to Year 6). The Cross Country competition will be held on **Sunday 9 August 2009**. A draft timetable is available from www.interschools.org.au.

To assist with allocating boys into appropriate teams, the Junior School time trials will be held on **Saturday 18 July 2009** and **Sunday 19 July 2009** at Mt Buller. Trials will be held for Alpine, Snowboard, Moguls and Cross Country events and are **compulsory for boys wishing to compete for Scotch at the Victorian Interschools Snowsports Championships**. If there is a reason why your son is unavailable to compete in the trials, please speak to Mr Croxford as soon as possible. For the Alpine trial, each skier will be required to ski twice through the racecourse. The teams will be selected on the basis of the recorded times via a computer print out. All boys who attend the trials will have the opportunity to compete at the Interschools. Please note that **helmets are compulsory** in all events except for Cross Country. Refer to the selection policy in the parents' handbook if you have any further questions.

It is important that all boys understand that by participating in the Trials weekend, they are making a commitment to represent Scotch College at the Interschools in August. Every boy that trials will race at the Interschools.

Please note that it is the responsibility of parents to arrange transport to and from Mt Buller, provide equipment and incur any cost required for lift tickets, lessons, trials and event entry. At all times your son should be in the care of his parents or guardians. The Scotch College Junior School staff members attending the events will not be responsible for your son/s.

Downhill Skiing and Snowboarding Trials

Alpine trials will be held on Sunday 19 July 2009 at 1.30pm on Little Buller Spur and boys will complete two runs through gates for each event they wish to contest. Scotch College has been allocated 100 trial times for Junior and Senior School.

Mogul Trials

Trials will be held on Sunday 19 July 2009. Attendance is compulsory for any boy wishing to participate in this event at Interschools.

Cross Country Trials

Trials will be held on Saturday 18 July 2009 for classic and skating (relay) events. The course for this is yet to be confirmed.

Lift Tickets

Boys/parents will need to organise their own lift ticket for the trials. Lift tickets for Interschools competition must be ordered through the school (unless your son has a season pass). Orders can be placed via the attached form.

On-Mountain Training

We have reserved 40 spaces for Alpine race training on Saturday 18 July 2009 at 1.30pm, and 20 spaces for Moguls training on Sunday 19 July 2009 at 9.00am. Please indicate on the attached form if you wish your son to take part in these sessions. The cost of these training sessions is \$45 per person for a two hour session. Please indicate your interest on the reply sheet attached.

Dry-Land Training

Dry-land training will be made available on Wednesday mornings at 7.00am in the Cardinal Pavilion weight room if there is enough demand. This is available to participants in any of the above events. Sessions last for approximately one hour and will consist of plyometric and core-stability exercises.

Uniform and Equipment

Where possible, boys should wear the Snowsports vest, long-sleeved shirt and beanie. A discount off rental equipment has been negotiated for Scotch families at Pension Grimus (across Bourke St from the ABOM). EMC at 68 Whitehorse Road, Deepdene, also offers excellent deals for Scotch families.

Social Function

A reminder that there is a social function on Saturday 18 July 2009 at the ABOM on Mt Buller. Further details are available from the Snowsports Club Committee and open invitations will be sent via email prior to the event.

Parents' Race

As an exciting new initiative this year, the Committee will be running a social race on the GS course after the boys complete their trials on Sunday. The race is open to any parents (both mums and dads) who wish to participate. Trophies will be awarded in individual and team categories. Please indicate your names in the space provided on the attached form if you wish to be involved.

If you have any further questions please refer to the Snowsports Parents' Handbook which is available online through the Snowsports website. For more information on Snowsports at Scotch College go to the home page (<http://www.scotch.vic.edu.au/>) and follow the Snowsports link. You should refer to this site for forms and other information relating to the Interschools.

Please complete and return the slip below and return to the box at the Junior School Office by **Thursday 18 June 2009**. Should you have any further questions please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 9810 4292, or by email: john.croxford@scotch.vic.edu.au.

Yours faithfully



MR JOHN CROXFORD
Teacher in Charge of Junior School Snowsports



MR GRANT PHILLIPS
Deputy Head of Junior School

Scotch College Snowsports Interschools reply and payment form

Parent Email: _____

Contact Phone No: (h) _____ (m) _____

Son's Name: _____

Student Number: _____ Form: _____

Trials Weekend

Event	Please tick your requirements	Cost
Snowboarding		\$35
Alpine		\$35
Moguls		\$27
Cross Country		\$35
Moguls Training		\$45
Race Training		\$45
Parents' Race		\$15
Total		\$

Interschools Pre-entry

Additionally, please give an advance indication of which events your son intends to compete in at the Interschools Championships in August. This will give an idea of team numbers, etc.

Division: 4 (Year 5 and 6) 5 (Prep to Year 4)

Event:

<input type="checkbox"/> Alpine	<input type="checkbox"/> Snowboard
<input type="checkbox"/> Moguls	<input type="checkbox"/> Boarder Cross
<input type="checkbox"/> Skier Cross	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Classic
	<input type="checkbox"/> Cross Country Relay

Lift Tickets

Please tick box and complete as appropriate (event timetable available at www.interschools.org.au)

- I am a season ticket holder and don't require a lift pass
- I require a lift pass (\$48 per day) for (circle): 1 day 2 days 3 days
Lift pass start date: _____
- I require a Cross Country lift pass (\$18) for Sunday 9 August 2009

SSDF Levies (School Snowsports Development Foundation)

SSDF levies each competitor \$28 per event. Please also add \$30 to cover Scotch College staff and administration costs.

Lift Tickets (\$48 per day)
Scotch Levy
SSDF Registration: _____ events x \$28
TOTAL:

\$ 30.00
\$

1. **I agree to the above sum being charge to my school account three weeks prior to the event**
2. **I/We understand that if my/our son withdraws or makes changes within three weeks of the scheduled event, no refund will be made**
3. **I/We understand that in the case of the event being cancelled due to lack of snow, only redeemable money will be refunded**

Signed: _____ (parent/guardian)

Print Name: _____

Date: _____