

29 April 2009

Dear parent,

Each year over 100 boys from Scotch College compete in the Interschool skiing program which covers 5 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. As we attempt to reduce our reliance on paper all future correspondence will be made via email, please ensure your details are entered clearly on the reply sheet at the end of this letter.

This year Scotch College Senior School will enter teams in all divisions for the following events: Giant Slalom - Alpine skiing, Giant Slalom – Snowboarding, Skier Cross, Boarder Cross, Moguls and Cross Country Relay and Classic. Division 1 events are open to boys in Year 11 & 12, Division 2 events are open to boys in Year 9 & 10, and Division 3 events are open to boys in Year 7 & 8. The Victorian Interschool Snowsports Championships, to be held at Mount Buller on **Sunday 23rd to Wednesday 26th August** (for Year 7-12). The Cross Country competition will be held on **Sunday 9th August**. A draft timetable is available from www.interschools.org.au.

To assist with allocating boys into appropriate teams, the Senior School time trials will be held on **Saturday 18th and Sunday 19th July** at Mt Buller. Trials will be held for alpine, snowboard, moguls and cross-country events. The time trial is conducted on the Giant Slalom – Alpine. A Moguls grading session will also be held on Sunday 19th July. Both of these events 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. Cutchie as soon as possible. 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 competes in the trials is expected to 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 Senior 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 19th July 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

Mogul trials will be held on Sunday 19th July at 11am on Chamois and boys will have two runs. Attendance is compulsory for any boy wishing to participate in this event at Interschools.

Cross-country trials

Trials will be held on Saturday 18th July for classic and skating (relay) events. The course and timing for this trial 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 below.

On-Mountain Training

We have reserved 40 spaces for Alpine race training Saturday 18th July at 1:30 pm, and 20 spaces for Moguls training on Sunday 19th July at 9:00am. Please indicate below if you wish for 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 at the end of this letter.

Dry-land training

Dry-land training will be made available on Tuesday (yr 10-12) and Wednesday (yr 5-9) mornings at 7.00am in the Cardinal Pavilion weight room if there is enough demand. This is available to Junior and Senior School participants in all of the above events. Sessions last for approximately one hour and will consist of plyometric and core-stability exercises. Please contact me directly if you want your son to be involved.

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 Rd, Deepdene, also offers excellent deals for Scotch families.

Social function

A reminder that there is a social function on Saturday 18th July at the ABOM on Mount 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 with trophies to be awarded in individual and team categories. Please indicate your names in the space provided below 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 staff reception by **Thursday June 18th**. Should you have any further questions please don't hesitate to contact me at school on 9810 4321, or by email: cameron.cutchie@scotch.vic.edu.au.

Yours Sincerely,



Cameron Cutchie
Teacher in Charge of Snowsports
Scotch College

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
Parent 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 indication of team numbers etc.

Division: 1 (yr 11 & 12) 2 (yr 9 & 10) 3 (yr 7 & 8)

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 9th 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)
 SSDF Registration: _____ events x \$28
 Scotch Levy
TOTAL:

\$ 30.00
\$

1. I agree to the above sum being charged 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: _____