



2021 WEDNESDAY SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

OVERVIEW OF THE WEDNESDAY SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM

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

However, 2021 will be different from previous years, so we encourage you to carefully read the following information.

Please understand the changes outlined below have been made by Buller Ski Lifts (BSL), they are not MSC decisions.

- In 2021, BSL have offered MSC the following 5 dates:

- Wednesday 16 June (Term 2)
- Wednesday 23 June (Term 2)
- Wednesday 14 July
- Wednesday 21 July
- Wednesday 15 September

We have been advised other dates may be offered, but at this time BSL is not prioritising the MSC program. We will advise all registered families as soon as we are notified. Turn around response to attend will be the next day.

- Lessons are being offered up to and including Level 4.
- Bookings must be made at least 14 days prior to departure, so please carefully read the BOOKING DATE DEADLINES section at the end of this document. This is a significant change to previous years.
- Places will be limited and bookings will be on a 'first in' basis.
- To cover the cost of transportation, we need to have at least 35 students participate in any given week. If this number is not reached, we will cancel and full refunds will be offered.
- All students will undertake a lesson in the afternoon.
- Students will ski/snowboard in the mornings in ability groups on designated runs and zones, with staff assigned to these groups/zones. Students will also have the opportunity to ski/snowboard after their afternoon lesson.
- Students will be supervised by staff and parents at a ratio of 1:8
- Student can book week to week, or can commit to multiple weeks.
- Places are conditional where the students are up to date with work, wear uniform, are conducting themselves appropriately etc.
- Strict deadlines are in place to ensure the smooth operation of the program.
- 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. If students violate this in any form, they will be excluded from participation for the remainder of the program.

CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS

- Refunds will be offered if MSC cancel due to inclement weather conditions.
- Should a student cancel due to a medical issue, a refund or credit will be offered **ONLY** upon the evidence of a valid medical certificate. All refund claims must be made within 14 days.
- Any other cancellations must be made in writing 7 days prior to the scheduled departure. Bus costs and administration fees will **NOT** be refunded in these circumstances unless another student is available to take your child's place on the bus.

BUS TRANSPORTATION

The Snowsports Program is managed as a school excursion.

Students should be at the MSC bus stop by 8.50am, as the bus leaves at 9am. All participating students are expected to take the bus to Mt Buller from the College. There will be **NO** pick-ups on the way. The bus departs Mt Buller in the afternoon at 4.30pm, estimated return to MSC is 5.15pm. On the return trip, we do one drop-off only, at the Hunt Club Hotel, Merrijig, approximately 5pm.

LESSONS

All students will participate in an afternoon lesson by qualified instructors.

If a student is a first timer, they will be booked in a morning lesson at no extra charge (therefore have two lessons). Any other student may also elect to participate in an additional morning lesson (for a fee). Please advise when booking.

Students will be placed into lesson groups according to their ability/skills within their discipline (up to and including Level 4), and this is assessed each week.

HOW TO REGISTER FOR THE PROGRAM

The *Registration Form* and the *Medical Form* must be completed in full and returned to the Front office by no later than **Monday 24 May 2021**.

Unless a *Registration Form* and *Medical Form* is completed and returned to the Front Office by Monday 24 May, your child will not be eligible to participate in 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.

As per the Parent Payment Summary, the Essential Student Learning Fee and any outstanding amounts for other programs or excursions **must** be paid for students to be eligible to participate. Please contact the Business Manager should you wish to discuss payment plan options before submitting the *Registration Form*.

If a Parent is able to offer their 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, wear uniform, are conducting themselves appropriately etc.

1. **Lift Pass** – either a pre-purchased Season's membership (BTAG) or Lift Pass through MSC each week (*MUST BRING YOUR BTAG (eg. Lift Pass) EACH WEEK if you have Seasons Membership*)
2. **Lesson**
3. **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.
This should consist of the following:
 - 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)
 - some spare clothing if weather looks poor
 - gloves
 - goggles
 - sunscreen
4. **Equipment** - either skis (and boots & poles) or snowboard (and boots). Your own or hire package.
5. **Food & Drink** - students are expected to bring their own snacks, packed lunch, and a drink.
6. **Bus** – all students will take the bus from MSC to Mt Buller each Wednesday. Only exceptions are students who live on the mountain.
7. **MSC Armband** - All students will be required to wear an arm band (supplied by MSC), to be visible at all times.

Equipment Hire and/or Clothing Hire

If hiring equipment and/or clothing via MSC's Wednesday Snowsports Program, this will be collected from Buller Sports on arrival at Mt Buller.

Note: Due to hygiene reasons goggles or gloves are NOT available for hire, however, these items can be purchased at any Buller Sports store.

If hiring independently, students need to arrive at the bus stop with their equipment.

COSTS & PAYMENT DETAILS

Weekly Package Option	I have....	I will need...	Weekly Charge 14 July 21 July	Weekly Charge 16 June* 23 June* 15 Sep*
Package 1**	<i>I have a season membership, own equipment, own outerwear and live on Mt Buller (no transportation required)</i>	Lesson	\$48	\$48
Package 2	<i>I have a season membership, own equipment and own outerwear</i>	Bus & Lesson	\$70	\$70
Package 3**	<i>I have own equipment, own outerwear, and live on Mt Buller (no transportation required)</i>	Lift Pass & Lesson	\$113	\$84
Package 4	<i>I have my own equipment and own outerwear</i>	Bus, Lift Pass & Lesson	\$135	\$106
Package 5	<i>I have my own outerwear</i>	Bus, Lift Pass, Lesson & Equipment Hire	\$171	\$142
Package 6	<i>I need the complete package including jacket OR pants</i>	Bus, Lift Pass, Lesson, Equipment Hire and Outerwear Hire	\$201	\$172
Package 7	<i>I need the complete package including jacket AND pants</i>	Bus, Lift Pass, Lesson, Equipment Hire and Outerwear Hire	\$213	\$184

*Off Peak pricing (Early Season & Spring)

**Students are expected to catch the bus to Mt Buller. The only exception is for students who live on Mt Buller.

Please note BSL is not offering lesson packages in 2021 nor access to early bird local Season Memberships (lift pass). To purchase a Season Membership go to: <https://www.mtbuller.com.au/Winter/lift-passes-rental-retail/lift-passes/season-memberships>

All pricing above includes an administration charge of \$11 which helps to cover staff costs.

Seats on the bus are for a return trip – no ‘one-way’ discount will apply. If your child will only require a seat one-way, please tell the Front Office at time of booking.

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

Students must:

- be up to date on all their work, exhibit positive behaviour and be consistently in school uniform. They will be notified on the Monday if the criteria has not been met and therefore will not be able to participate that Wednesday.
- watch the “Snow Safe” video: Snow Safe Video: <http://snowsafe.org.au/> and
- be aware and behave in accordance with the 10 rules in respect to the *Alpine Responsibility Code*. 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 listing at Front Office the day after bookings are due to ensure their booking is displayed, if not, they must discuss with the Front Office team immediately.

HOW TO BOOK EACH WEEK

- Ensure *Registration Form* and *Medical Form* are returned to the Front Office by Monday 24 May. There will be NO exceptions.
- Pay the relevant weekly package fee to the Front Office (see [booking date deadlines](#) below).
- **IMPORTANT:** If you make a bank transfer or pay via BPay you **MUST** send a copy of the remittance advice or screenshot of the payment to the Front Office via email finance@mansfieldsc.vic.edu.au to ensure your booking. We rarely receive this payment within 2-5 days and even then we do not receive a description of what the payment is for. If you do NOT send this, your booking will NOT be confirmed.
- Parents can call the Front Office with any questions or students can speak directly with the team at the Office.
- Payments may be made in advance for multiple weeks and we suggest parents consider paying in advance where possible to avoid missing 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.

BOOKING DATE DEADLINES:

Please do NOT pay anything until your child has been entered in the system and has been approval to join the program.

If you need assistance with the *Registration Form*, contact the Front Office.

There will be no exceptions if a deadline is not met.

Monday 24 May 2021	Registration Form and Medical Form to be returned to the Front Office. <u>Unless a <i>Registration Form</i> and <i>Medical form</i> is completed and returned to the Front Office by Monday 24 May, your child will not be eligible to participate in the Program.</u>
Friday 28 May 2021	MSC will advise families if their child has been approved to join the Program
Tuesday 1 June 2021 by 11am	Booking due for Wednesday 16 June 2021
Wednesday 2 June 2021 by 11am	Students need to check the student listing at the Front Office and advise any discrepancies. Parents should also check the list posted on XUNO.
Tuesday 8 June 2021 by 11am	Booking due for Wednesday 23 June 2021
Wednesday 9 June 2021 by 11am	Students need to check the student listing at the Front Office and advise any discrepancies. Parents should also check the list posted on XUNO.
Thursday 24 June 2021** by 11am	Booking due for Wednesday 14 July 2021 & Wednesday 21 July 2021
Friday 25 June 2021 by 11am	Students need to check the student listing at the Front Office and advise any discrepancies. Parents should also check the list posted on XUNO.
Tuesday 31 August 2021 by 11am	Booking due for Wednesday 15 September 2021
Wednesday 1 September 2021 by 11am	Students need to check the student listing at the Front Office and advise any discrepancies. Parents should also check the list posted on XUNO.

**This booking date is more than 14 days in advance due to the school holidays.

Please refer to **CANCELLATIONS AND REFUNDS** above for refund terms and conditions.