

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:

- Strict deadlines are in place to ensure the smooth operation of the program.
- 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.
- Lessons are NOT optional. All students must attend their designated 1.5hr lesson each week.
- 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 conduct themselves appropriately to have their booking accepted.
- In the case of an injury, your child will be assessed by Ski Patrol and may be taken to the Mt Buller Medical Centre for treatment and further assessment. Visits to the Medical Centre will incur a fee which is the responsibility of the family. MSC First Aid Officer will treat minor injuries.
- MSC strongly recommend that students participating in the Snowsports Program have Ambulance cover.
- Students are expected to attend school unless participating in the official 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. 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 must participate in a morning or afternoon lesson with 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

- The *Registration Form* and the *Medical Form* must be completed in full and returned to the School Office by **Tuesday 9 June 2026**.
- **Unless a Registration Form and Medical Form are completed and returned to the School Office by Tuesday 9 June 2026 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.

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 conduct 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** – it is a requirement of the program that students attend a lesson each week.
- **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
- 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.

2026 SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

In 2026, Alpine Resorts Victoria (ARV) introduced a \$6/head entry fee to the mountain and Buller Holidays have also increased their prices, however, thanks to the generous donation from the Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day there has only been a slight increase in MSC prices. The Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day specifically support the Mansfield schools' Snowsports Programs.

More information about the **Mark Adams Ski and Golf Day** is on the last page.

PACKAGE DETAILS

Weekly Package Option	I have....	I will need...	Weekly charge
Package 1*	- A Season Membership, - my own equipment, - my own outerwear, and - live on Mt Buller (no transportation)	Lesson	\$55
Package 2*	- My own equipment, - my own outerwear, and - live on Mt Buller (no transportation)	- Lift Pass & - Lesson	\$76
Package 3	- A Season Membership, - my own equipment, and - my own outerwear	- Bus & - Lesson	\$83
Package 4	- My own equipment, and - my own outerwear	- Bus, - Lift Pass & - Lesson	\$106
Package 5	- A Season Membership, and - my own outerwear	- Bus, - Lesson & - Equipment Hire	\$130
Package 6	My own outerwear	- Bus, - Lift Pass, - Lesson & - Equipment Hire	\$150
Package 7	I need the complete package including jacket OR pants	- Bus, - Lift Pass, - Lesson, - Equipment Hire & Outerwear Hire	\$180
Package 8	I need the complete package including jacket AND pants	- Bus, - Lift Pass, - Lesson, - Equipment Hire & Outerwear Hire	\$200

- *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.

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

Students must:

- Check the Snowsports Google Classroom every Friday for your expected booking. If there is an issue with the booking discuss with the School Office team immediately.
- Attend scheduled Snowsports meetings.
- All students must attend their designated 1.5hr lesson each week.
- All students must wear an armband (supplied by MSC) which is to always be visible.
- 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.

HOW TO BOOK EACH WEEK

- Ensure the Registration Form and Medical Form are returned to the School Office by **Tuesday 9 June 2026**. 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 8010-mscfinance@schools.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.

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 8010-mscfinance@schools.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

2026 SNOWSPORTS PROGRAM IMPORTANT INFORMATION

IMPORTANT DATES & BOOKING DATE DEADLINES:

- Please do NOT pay anything until you have received the 2026 Snowsports welcome email.
- There will be NO exceptions if a booking deadline is not met.

Term 2 Deadlines	
Tuesday 9 June 2026	Registration Form and Medical Form to be returned to the School Office. <u>Unless a Registration Form and Medical form is completed and returned to the School Office by Tuesday 9 June 2026 your child will not be eligible to participate in the Program.</u>
Friday 19 June 2026	An email will be sent via Compass to welcome families to the Program.
Wednesday 24 June 2026*	Booking due for Wednesday 15 July 2026- Week 1
Term 3 Deadlines	
Wednesday 15 July 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 22 July 2026 - Week 2
Friday 17 July 2026	Bookings due for Cross Country Interschools & Interschools Snowsports (including multi class) Bookings made by contacting the School Office
Wednesday 22 July 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 29 July 2026 - Week 3
Wednesday 29 July 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 5 August 2026 - Week 4
Wednesday 5 August 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 12 August 2026 - Week 5
Wednesday 12 August 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 19 August 2026 - Week 6
Wednesday 19 August 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 26 August 2026 - Week 7
Wednesday 26 August 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 2 September 2026- Week 8
Wednesday 2 September 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 9 September 2026 - Week 9
Wednesday 9 September 2026	Booking due for Wednesday 16 September 2026 - Week 10

*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](#)