Bright College Snowsports Team Charter 2014

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Bright College Snowsports Team

The College Snowsports Team will operate within the College’s and Department of Education’s policies and operational requirements and College Council will endorse all programs and activities.

(1) Purpose

- Promotion of snow sports as an enjoyable and challenging pursuit for students.
- Providing access to alpine sports to students of all abilities.
- Enabling all children to develop their abilities and potentials within a structured training, practice and competition program.
- Encourage achievement to the highest level.
- Raising the profile and achievements of the College as a participant in Interschools Snowsports competition.
- Encourage family participation.
- Promoting team participation, pride and commitment.

(2) Team Organisational Structure and Management

The Team will be managed by:
- An Executive Officer (Principal of Bright P-12 College) and a Committee elected by team members.

Management meetings will be held as follows:
- As defined by the Committee.

(3) Team Captain (Secondary student only)

The position of Team Captain will be elected prior to the ski season. Nomination and election will be conducted and finalised prior to commencement of the ski season.

Students may nominate or be nominated for this position under the following conditions:
- The student is a financial member of the Bright College Snowsports Team.
- Act as a positive role model for junior members.
- Assist Team management in organising team activities.
- Attend functions as the Team representative as required.
- Other duties as agreed with Management group.
- That they meet all the requirements of the Bright P-12 College Student Code of Conduct.
- Display outstanding leadership skills.

(4) Membership of the Snowsports Team

In keeping with the desire to encourage students/families to participate in snow sports at a variety of levels, and to enhance partnerships with neighbourhood schools the following guidelines apply:
• Students from Bright P-12 College, Porepunkah, Wandiligong and Harrietville and Dinner Plain Annex (Alpine Cluster of Schools) Primary Schools are eligible to join the Team.
• Students will become automatically a member of the Bright College Snowsports Team by purchasing a snow sport program through the BCST.
• BCST may financially support team members in snow sport activities and those students who have not purchased a training program through the school will have to pay a separate annual membership fee to receive this support. Available financial support and membership fees will be reviewed annually by the Committee.
• Students who do not purchase a program through the Bright P-12 College by the specified cut-off date will incur the same separate membership fee.
• Students will have reached 5 years of age prior to 1st June before joining the Team, however individual circumstances will be considered for younger children.
• Team members agree to comply at all times with uniform and other regulations.
• Team Members will be required to assist in team fundraising activities as requested or determined by the Committee.

(5) Financial Matters

• All monies will be receipted and expended through the College accounting system. A program budget will be allocated within the system so all monies can be paid at the College office, receipted through the cash register and all payments authorised by order forms for cheques to be drawn.
• The Committee will review and set the student membership fee annually (which is included in the program price).
• The Committee will draw up a budget and schedule of payments required for: Ski lift passes and training packages, The Victorian Interschools Championships and any other championship events.
• Payments will be in advance and according to publicised timelines and deadlines.
• Team funds derived from fundraising, sponsorship and the like may only be expended on subsidising/offsetting costs, purchase of assets or similar, as agreed to by the Committee.

(6) Uniforms and Equipment

• Team members are required to wear a team jacket. This jacket is provided, on a rental basis, with the cost built into the Program/Membership price. These will be issued on receipt and processing of your application. All jackets remain the property of BCST and must be returned at the end of the season. A $100 fee will be payable on all non returned or damaged jackets.
• Team members will not be allowed to participate in their lesson unless they are wearing the team jacket and are also required to wear an approved snow sports protective helmet when training or racing.
(7) **College Administration**

The College will allocate a designated member of the Office staff responsible for:

- Accepting, receipting and maintaining a record of payments and participation.

(8) **Medical Insurance and Ambulance Cover**

It is important that parents know and understand the Department of Education does not provide medical/hospital insurance cover for students at school or on school activities such as snow sports training or competition. Therefore, if a student is injured and requires medical treatment or hospitalisation parents will have to access the Medicare system or their private health insurance.

**Parents of team members MUST have family ambulance cover in case emergency transport is needed.**

Evidence of appropriate ambulance cover will be required when purchasing any program.

There are School Accident Insurance schemes, which provide 24 hour, 365 days per year coverage for defined events or injuries. College Council does not endorse any insurance product.

A copy of the Parents Consent and Medical Forms (which must be completed for all students) will be lodged at the Mount Hotham Medical Centre.

(9) **Weekly Organisation/Obligations**

Intention to Ski forms must be completed and handed in at the College prior to ski dates.

(10) **Transport**

Students must be accompanied by parents in either private vehicles or school approved methods. (The College or Committee will not organise private transport.)

(11) **Supervision of Students**

The Committee will ensure that appropriate ratios of approved supervisors/parents are met for any training or competition excursions.

On weekdays and weekends the health, safety and wellbeing of students is the responsibility of the nominated accompanying parent as per the Intention to Ski Form.

Parent supervision is compulsory for all Bright College Snowsports Team members. A parent must accompany students during free-skiing or snowboarding; before and after lessons.
(12) **Conduct**

In order to achieve the Purpose (Section 1) of the Team, and ensure smooth running of all training/racing programs, family enjoyment, as well as minimising risks to students, teachers and other snow sports participants, all students must:

- Abide fully with the Team’s charter and rules.
- Follow all directives issued by the Instructors, Committee, persons supervising or coaching team members.
- Behave at all times in a manner that brings credit to the College.
- Follow the Snowsafe guidelines. (Snowsafe website [www.snowsafe.org.au](http://www.snowsafe.org.au))

Any student whose behaviour does not comply with the above expectations may be excluded from participation in the Team’s programs.

The College Principal will receive any report of misconduct and investigate the report, then implement any consequence if required in consultation with the Committee.

(13) **Sponsorship and Fundraising**

The Committee is authorised to nominate a representative to invite and negotiate sponsorship arrangements that will benefit the Team.

Any sponsorship arrangements must be:

- with DEECD sponsorship regulations. Approved by the Committee.
- Comply with the Bright P-12 College Sponsorship Policy.

Various forms of fundraising may be carried out each year. Fundraising will be organised as required, to raise funds to subsidise team excursions, race costs, and other team equipment/uniforms.

Any Fundraising must be:

- Approved by the Committee.
- Comply with any Bright P-12 College fundraising policy and or guidelines.
- Approved by College Council.