Bright College Snowsports Team Charter 2016

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**Bright College Snowsports Team**

The Bright College Snowsports Team (BCST) will operate within the College’s and Department of Education & Training’s (DET) 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, including participation in Interschools Snowsports competition and other school sanctioned events.
- Raising the profile and achievements of the College.
- 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) **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, BP-12 Dinner Plain Campus and the Alpine Cluster of Schools (Porepunkah, Wandiligong and Harrietville Primary Schools) are eligible to join the Team.
- Students automatically become a member of the BCST by purchasing a snow sports program through the BCST.
- BCST may financially support team members in snow sports activities, subject to availability of funds.
- Students who are not financial BCST members must pay an annual membership fee to receive financial support for sanctioned activities, subject to availability of funds. 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.
- New members need to be able to negotiate a Green (beginner) Run unassisted.
• The Freeride/All Mountain Program option is only available to experienced skiers who can ski Black (advanced) Runs competently and are in Year 4 or above. The Program will consist of 30% park and 70% all mountain skiing.
• Team members agree to comply at all times with uniform and other regulations. Parents are encouraged to lead by example by wearing a helmet.
• Team members will be required to assist in team fundraising activities as requested or determined by the Committee.

(4) Financial Matters

• All monies will be receipted (within seven days of payment) 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 Purchase Orders.
• The Committee will review and set the student membership, uniform rental and administration fees annually (which are included in the program price).
• The Committee will draw up a budget and schedule of payments required for: ski lift passes and training packages, any Victorian Interschools Championships and any other College sanctioned 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.
• GST Ruling -
  o All parents incur GST.
  o Program costs are GST free for Bright P-12 College students only (as this is a component of the Bright P-12 curriculum), this includes Dinner Plain campus.
  o Students outside of Bright P-12 College, but in the Alpine Cluster of Schools, will incur GST on all program costs and associated expenses.
• Refund Policy -
  o Program refunds will only be issued if notification of cancellation is received in writing one week prior to the commencement of the BCST Program (ie. Training Day 1). An administration fee of 10% will be charged.
  o Consideration will be given to extenuating circumstances, at the Committee’s discretion.

(5) Uniforms and Equipment

• Team members are required to wear a team jacket. The jacket is for use during training days only and other Bright P-12 College sanctioned events and should not replace snow gear for everyday wear during the season. This jacket is provided, on a rental basis, with the cost built into the Program/Membership price. These will be issued on a date determined by the Committee. All jackets remain the property of BCST and must be returned at the end of the season. A $100 fee will be payable as detailed in the Jacket Rental Agreement.
• 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 at all times.

(6) **College Administration**

The College office staff will be responsible for:

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

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

It is important that parents know and understand that DET 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 Medical Form (which must be completed for all students) will be lodged at the Mount Hotham Medical Centre.

(8) **Weekly Organisation/Obligations**

Intention to Ski forms must be completed and handed in at the College by every BCST member **prior** to each scheduled ski day. Should the College not receive this form they will not be allowed to participate on that day.

Please note that occasionally a ski day is cancelled, due to inclement weather or lack of snow. This day will be made up later in that season.

(9) **Transport**

BCST members must be accompanied by parents in private vehicles. Dinner Plain students must be accompanied by parents in private vehicles or school approved methods. (The College or Committee will not organise private transport.)

(10) **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 BCST members. A parent must accompany students during free-skiing or snowboarding; before and after lessons.

(11) 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.

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.

(12) 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:
- within DET sponsorship regulations and approved by the Committee.
- Comply with the Bright P-12 College Sponsorship Policy.
- Approved by College Council.

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.
- GST compliant.