

15 May 2018

Event	ACT Interschools Snow Sports Competition		
Location	Perisher Valley		
Date	Tuesday 24 th July – Friday 27 th July, 2018	Time	Depart 7am on the Tuesday and return at 8:30pm on the Friday
Transport	College Bus	Uniform	Appropriate ski gear with the Merici College Ski Jacket
Cost	Between \$300 and \$550	Contact no.	6243 4100
Return of note/money	Thursday 31 May, 2018		

Dear Parent/Guardians and Snow-Sports enthusiasts,

It is almost winter and ACT Interschools are holding the 2018 Snow Sports competition on Tues 24th – Fri 27th July at Perisher Valley.

Our Snow-Sports Team has grown over recent years and in 2018 Merici Girls are looking to enter one of our strongest teams ever.

With that, on behalf of the College ski team, we extend a warm welcome to new participants.

Please refer to the details below prior to granting your daughter permission to attend,

Please remind your daughter that appropriate behavior is expected at all times as she is a representative of the College.

For further information, please do not hesitate to contact us on 6243 4100 before the excursion.

Yours sincerely,

Adrian Heim and Diana Davis
MERICI COLLEGE SNOW SPORT COORDINATORS

1. Supervision, Accommodation and Permission:

The excursion will be attended by Mr Adrian Heim and with Ms Diana Davis as the Merici Snow-Sports Coordinators. We are both experienced and avid skiers - so come sun, sleet or snow, we are on the slopes with the girls all the time. We are also both 'Provide First Aid' qualified.

As well we are anticipating the presence of several parents and strongly encourage them to register on-line as a Team Manager and/or a Race Course Volunteer - and generally be on the snow with the girls.

The involvement of Mums and Dads simply makes the excursion safer for all, and is the difference between a good time and a great time!

Group accommodation is at the Station Resort in Jindabyne.

Rooms are blocked adjacent to each other and each room accommodates up to 6. It is a relaxed, fun atmosphere where girls can meet students from other schools with lots of team interaction and making friends - particularly at meal times. We have 4 rooms booked accommodating up to 24 at this stage - it is 'first in best dressed'.

Girls can of course stay with their parents in their own lodgings, however we very much encourage them to stay with the Team at the Station for a valuable team bonding experience.

As this is an overnight excursion requiring approval by Catholic Education, included with this letter is an additional consent form titled "Snow Sports 2018 – CE Permission note – cat C & D Excursions".

This form **must be completed in full** and returned along with this signed permission slip.

Permission notes including medical details along with payment in full must be returned to the Finance Office no later than Thursday 31st May, 2018.

Note: This excursion will only proceed subject to approval by Catholic Education.

2. Races and Events:

These include giant slalom, skier X, moguls and even Nordic skiing (cross country) that cater well to nearly all standards of skiers and boarders from early intermediates to expert and advanced.

Most events require a team of 4 and the top 3 results count towards *team results*.

Also, there are *individual results* and placings for each event.

So that team lists can be prepared before they are submitted to ACT Interschools, please indicate on the slip provided the events that your daughter will be competing in and return with this permission slip. **Each event costs \$47.**

3. TeamManagers:

Each event requires a Team Manager either myself or Ms Davis, or an attending parent who is responsible for handing out race bibs to the girls and assembling them at the right time and place for each race. If you don't already have a lift ticket, Team Managers are entitled to a discounted lift ticket (previously an Adult ticket at Child rate) on the day of their nominated event.

4. Waiverforms:

In addition to information about skiing events – waiver forms releasing liability in the event of accidental death or injury must be downloaded, signed and submitted by parents in order that their daughter be allowed to participate. <http://actinterschools.com.au/participant-waiver>

Please complete waiver forms online as well as advise which event your daughter will compete in at the same time you submit this permission slip (due date 31st May) so that we can firm up our team entries early and with certainty.

5. Parentvolunteers:

As a College Team we are required to provide at least one volunteer for every 8 participants to marshall on course. Marshalling is easy and fun and is closest to the action you can get – again volunteers receive a free lift pass on the day of their allocated event. <http://nswinterschools.com.au/volunteer-waiver>.

6. Lift PassandSki-Tube:

As we are *on the go* and movement on and off the mountain is pacey, and to avoid having to purchase lift tickets separately in the morning, we require the girls have their lift and ski-tube passes sorted well before the excursion either by:-

- purchasing as part of this excursion permission or,
- having their own season pass – a photocopy of which must be submitted to either coordinator by Friday 13th of July, 2018

7. Equipment:

Your daughter must be adequately equipped with suitable snow-gear for the competition prior to departure including:

- goggles and **a helmet** (compulsory)
- properly adjusted skis and stocks or snowboard as appropriate
- layers of warmth
- sufficient fluids, money for incidentals, sun screen, etc
- properly fitting boots

Note there will be little or no opportunity to purchase equipment or gear whilst on the excursion.

8. ACT Interschool's Website:

For more information on races and events, being a team manager, waiver forms and volunteering as a race marshall, as well as lift passes and expectations on equipment please refer to the ACT Inter-Schools snow sports website: <http://www.actinterschools.com.au/>

9. Excursion Cost:

Cost for the excursion varies depending on whether your daughter requires :-

- transport - using the college bus \$25
- team share accommodation \$132 and meals \$105 - for the full 3 days
- lift and ski-tube passes – at child rate is \$250*

*discounted prices are sourced from the Perisher website and are based on a *pre-payment* of both lift and tube pass for the group at least 28 days prior. It costs about 12% more to purchase these on the snow.

Note:

- Parents purchasing season passes for their daughter must do so directly with Perisher Blue.
- Some students may have their own season pass and/or their own lodgings with parents and/or their own transport with parents. Private arrangements for any or all of these may be in place and therefore *these costs are optional* and must be ticked when completing the cost section of excursion summary.

The following costs are *not optional*:-

- the number of events entered - \$47 per event
- skier registration is \$30
- staff supplementation \$90

Lastly the supplementation charge of \$90 is added to cover the cost of 2x staff members attending for accommodation, meals and/or lift passes as well as incidentals for the girls whilst away e.g. hot chocolates at the Distillery Café at Crackenback.

Details of costings are included in the Excursion Summary next page:-

10. Excursion Summary

Event	A.C.T. Interschools Snow Sports Competition
Location	Perisher Blue Ski Resort
Date	On the snow Tue 24 th July – Fri 27 th July 2018 - 3nts at Station Resort Jindabyne
Timings	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Bus departs Merici College at 7:00am on Tuesday 24th July. • We depart ski-tube 7:30am sharp. Events start from 9:30am on Weds, Thurs and Fri at Perisher Valley. • Bus returns to Merici College at approx. 8:30pm on Friday 27th July.
Transport	Choice of College Bus or Parents Driving - as well as Ski-Tube
Cost	<p><i>Please tick as required:</i></p> <ol style="list-style-type: none"> Share Accommodation - 3nts @\$44/nt <input type="checkbox"/> \$132 Or: <input type="checkbox"/> We have our own accommodation Meals- breakfast & dinner @\$35/day x 3days <input type="checkbox"/> \$105 or <input type="checkbox"/> Meals not required Transport – College Bus <input type="checkbox"/> \$25 (to and from Canberra and Jindabyne, and daily to and from Ski tube) 3day Ski Tube & Lift Pass* <input type="checkbox"/> \$250 or, <input type="checkbox"/> My daughter has a season pass Race / Event Entry @\$47 per race 1x Race <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 47 or 2x Races <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 94 or 3x Races <input type="checkbox"/> \$141 Supplementary <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 90 Skier Registration <input type="checkbox"/> \$ 30 <p>Note: Lunch and sundries extra</p> <p style="text-align: right;">TOTAL: \$_____</p> <p><i>*preseason / early bird discount rate from Perisher-Blue website. Please simply tick the boxes for the excursion components required for your daughter and tally the cost.</i></p>

Contact phone no.	0477 729 571 Adrian 0409 482 483 Diana
Final date for return of note/money	THURSDAY 31ST MAY, 2018

11. Behaviour:

Please remind your daughter that appropriate behaviour is expected at all times as she is a representative of our Merici College Community. Failure to cooperate and comply with high standards of behaviour may result in your daughter not competing in the competition.

A student's failure to meet the responsibility of returning this permission note and payment by the due date will result in her not attending the competition.

12. College Fees:

Must be up to date to be eligible to participate in Snow-Sports.

13. Fun and Team Spirit:

...Guaranteed!

If you have any questions or require further information regarding this event please do not hesitate to contact either coordinator at the school on 6243 4100, or preferably by email to:-

Snowsports@merici.act.edu.au

Consent Form – ADRIAN HEIM AND DIANA DAVIS

I give permission for my daughter _____ of Year _____ to attend the ACT Interschool's Snow Sports Competition from Tuesday 24th July to Friday 27th July, 2018. Listed below are specific medical requirements or other needs relevant to my child participating in this excursion.

Medical Condition	Treatment Plan

I have read the attached information regarding this excursion and give permission for my daughter to attend.

Signature of Parent/Guardian:	
Emergency contact on the day:	
Date:	

MERICI COLLEGE CREDIT CARD AUTHORITY

Student:	Year & PC:
Teacher: Adrian Heim and Diana Davis	
Payment For: ACT Interschool's Snow Sports Competition	
Card No:	<input type="checkbox"/> Visa <input type="checkbox"/> MasterCard
Amount: \$	Expiry Date:
Cardholders Name:	
Signature of Cardholder:	
Cardholders Contact Number:	