

Information evening Snowsports Programme 2025

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It is with great pleasure that we prepare for the Winter Ski Season with a complete Snowsports program.

Snowsports at Macarthur is now in its seventeenth year and it is a wonderful opportunity for our students. The programme is designed to meet students' individual needs and caters to all levels of ability, from first-timers to advanced.

The Macarthur Snowsports Camp is a fantastic opportunity for all our students in Years 5 – 12. Students who participate in this programme are involved with a residential camp from 3 - 10 days during the mid-year School holidays with the focus on fun and participation. The main purpose of the programme is to enable students to develop their snowsports skills and/or provide the opportunity to compete in the NSW Interschools Snowsports Competition.

Interschools is a series of school-age competitions in Alpine, Cross Country, Ski Cross, Moguls, Snowboard Cross and Snowboard GS. It is organised by the Interschools Snowsports Committee. Students who are competent on Blue runs and above are encouraged to enter, with the emphasis being on fun and participation at the regional level. Even if students have never competed before or are first-time skiers, the Macarthur Snowsports Camp enables you to learn and develop all the skills that are required to participate in these fantastic events.

Parent support is always encouraged, but Macarthur staff will have duty of care on and off the snow, unless they are directly in your care. If you are at the snow, please feel free to take your child skiing or out for dinner.

The Macarthur Snowsports programme has gone from strength to strength each year and many people have contributed to that success. We look forward to another great year on the snow this year.

While all students are provided with lessons to assist with their boarding and skiing, there is also an option to purchase private lessons and these can be organised at the snow.

If you have further questions please email me at rdarcy@macarthur.nsw.edu.au or by phone 4629 6714.

Years 5-12 Snowsports Camp

The perfect introduction to learn to ski or snowboard and gain confidence whether you have been to the snow before or if this will be your first time.

All students enjoy a two-hour morning lesson each day with qualified Perisher Instructors in a fun and relaxed setting at Mount Blue Cow. Students will be placed into groups commensurate with their ability: Beginner, Intermediate and Advanced. There will be an additional afternoon lesson for all Years 5-12 students with a Perisher instructor on day one on the snow. Lessons provide time to ensure the development of proper and safe techniques, which leads to the development of good habits to enjoy snowsports for life.

Why do we offer this?

Apart from the obvious, that concentrated practise is essential for developing skills, the NSW Department of Education has released guidelines for Snowsports in Schools. We follow these guidelines to enhance the experience of students and provide a safe environment for them whilst on the snow.

Department of Education Snowsports Guidelines:

'It is mandatory for all students to have an assessment lesson by qualified instructor(s) at the commencement of the program. It is also mandatory that all students have a two hour lesson each morning of the program. Schools are to include afternoon lessons in the program for at least beginner level students.'

Snowsports Camp Programme Details

Dates	Monday 14 July to Thursday 17 July 2025
Leader	Dr Rachel D'Arcy <u>rdarcy@macarthur.nsw.edu.au</u> or by phone 4629 6714
Ski Resort	Perisher Valley
Accommodation	3 nights at Bungarra Alpine Centre, Jindabyne
Meals	Breakfast, lunch and dinner will be provided for students while at the resort. Students will need to have money to purchase Iunch on the way to ski resort and dinner on the way home However, if they wish to purchase extra food or drinks, they will need money for this.
<u>Deposit</u>	Deposit no later than Monday 03 March \$400.00 Either scan or Snowsports Camp Please note: Your deposit is your expression of interest in attending Snow Camp. The deposit does NOT guarantee a position on camp. Once student places are filled, any additional students will be placed on a waitlist with the accounts department.
Parent Lounge response, medical and dietary check	When numbers are confirmed, relevant families will receive an email to make payments and respond to the event in Parent Orbit/Lounge Please respond and check your child's medical and dietary details are all completed and correct.
Payments:	The initial deposit may be refundable prior to the due date of Payment 2. Please be aware that payments are non-refundable once payment 2 has been finalised, unless your child's place in the programme can be filled by an alternative student. Deposit / Payment 1 by Monday 03 March \$400.00 Snowsports Camp **If you wish to pay the entire cost in one lump sum you may do so, simply select every payment and proceed to pay. Payment 2 by Friday 04 April \$350.00 - in Parent Orbit/Lounge Event. Payment 3 by Friday 02 May \$350.00 - in Parent Orbit/Lounge Event. Payment 4 by Friday 06 June \$350.00 - in Parent Orbit/Lounge Event.

Regional Interschools Competition 2025

This year, our school will be competing at the ACT & Regional NSW Interschools Competition.

Interschools skiing & snowboarding is a series of competitions in Alpine, Cross Country, Ski Cross, Moguls, Snowboard Grand Slalom and Snowboard Cross. It is organised by the NSW Interschools Snowsports Committee. The schedule for all events by division can be found online at Home-Snow Australia Interschools

Detailed event times will not be known until mid-end of June.

While there is an emphasis on fun and participation in the initial regional series of championships, only students who are confident on Blue runs (Intermediate) are encouraged to enter. Participants must be able to do link turns and be confident on lifts and T-Bars. Students who have nominated to attend the week-long Interschools Competition are required to participate in a minimum of two events.

Epic Pass - compulsory for students to have

Students competing at the Regional Interschools Competition this year **MUST purchase their own EPIC PASS** to ensure they have lift passes for the Interschools Competition. Purchase should be done as soon as possible to get the best price.

Passes must be purchased at <u>Epic Australia Pass</u>

Please be advised that the School is unable to purchase EPIC PASSES for students, as these must be purchased by a parent/guardian.

Regional Interschools Competition (The ACT & Southern NSW Regional) Programme Details

Dates	Monday 21 July to Friday 25 July 2025
Leader	Dr Rachel D'Arcy <u>rdarcy@macarthur.nsw.edu.au</u> or by phone 4629 6714
Ski Resort	Perisher Valley
Accommodation	TBC
Meals	Breakfast, cold snack lunch and dinner will be provided for students while at the resort. Students will need to have money to purchase Iunch on the way to ski resort and dinner on the way home
	However, if they wish to purchase extra food or drinks, they will need money for this.
Deposit	Deposit no later than Monday 03 March \$600.00 Either scan or Representative Snowsports
Parent Lounge response and medical check	When numbers are confirmed, relevant families will receive an email to make payments and respond to the event in Parent Orbit/Lounge. Please respond and check your child's medical/dietary/swimming details are all completed and correct.
Payments:	The initial deposit may be refundable prior to the due date of Payment 2. Please be aware that payments are non-refundable once payment 2 has been finalised, unless your child's place in the programme can be filled by an alternative student. Deposit / Payment 1 by Monday 03 March \$600.00 Representative Snowsports
	Further payment details will be given in the Event, in Parent Orbit/Lounge.
	**If you wish to pay the entire cost in one lump sum you may do so, simply select every payment and proceed to pay.
	Reminder: It is mandatory that students buy their own EpicPass

Online Waiver Instructions

This waiver MUST be completed as soon as possible.

Please note: The Waiver is Case Sensitive, therefore all the same fields must be typed in the same way.

- 1. Go to https://waivers.entryinterschools.com.au/#/participant-waiver
- 2. Fill in the Waiver, entering the Participant and the Parent/Guardian's full name (including last name) into relevant boxes, and select your relevant school
- 3. Once completed, click on submit waiver located on the bottom of the screen Please note: If the waiver is not filled in correctly, the screen will flick back detailing the error. Fill the box in with the required information and click submit waiver again.

The waiver will not be saved until it has been filled in correctly

4. Once the waiver is successfully submitted, the screen will display 'Thank you, your submission has been received'

Snowracer SnowID Instructions

All Participants need to have an active Snowracer SnowID.

If you have entered the Championships before, you will have a SnowID already but it will need to be renewed and activated for upcoming year. New participants will need to sign up for Snowracer to receive a SnowID.

To renew or register now, go to: Registration - Snow Australia

You can look up your SnowID status to check if you are registered and renewed.