



# SCHOOL COUNCIL POLICY

## Purpose

To explain to our school community the processes and procedures Falls Creek Primary School will use when planning and conducting Interschools Snowsports Championships.

The school's Interschools Snowsports program enables students to further their Snowsports experience and develop team and social skills in a non-school setting. The program promotes self-esteem, resourcefulness, independence, leadership, judgement, cooperation and tolerance. Interschools Snowsports Championships have an outdoor and physical education emphasis and are an important aspect of the educational programs offered at our school.

## Scope

This policy applies to all Interschools Snowsports excursion organised by Falls Creek Primary School.

This policy is intended to complement the Department of Education and Training's policy and guidelines on excursions and adventure activities which all Victorian government schools are required to follow. Falls Creek Primary School will follow both this policy as well as the Department's policy and guidelines when planning and conducting Interschools Snowsports Championships.

## Definitions

For the purpose of this policy, an Interschools Snowsports Championships is defined as an extra curricula activity involving participation in Interschools Snowsports Championships competitions, whether overnight accommodation is involved or not.

## Policy

- Participation in Interschools Snowsports competitions is an **extra curricula voluntary excursion**.
- The program will be available to students in Years 2 to 6.
- Parents will be notified of the costs and other relevant details of individual Championships as soon as practicable.
- All families will be given sufficient time to make payments for individual Championships. Parents will be reminded of the need to finalise payment before commencement of the Championships.
- Due to the nature of Interschools Snowsports competitions in an often-hostile weather environment, a high ratio of parents to students is required.
- Parent volunteers will need to be prepared to assist with all aspects of the Championships and competition.

These may include, but not be limited to:

- Supervision of both their own children and the children of others during competition and whilst free skiing/boardings
- Team Manager duties
- Interschools volunteer official duties
- Parents, staff and children attending Interschools Snowsports events must understand and comply with all [Snowsports Development Foundation rules and codes of conduct](#).
- Parents are to read and familiarise themselves with the Buller Interschools child safe policy [Buller Interschools child safe policy.pdf](#)
- Parents must read, sign and comply with the Falls Creek Primary School Parents Code of Conduct at Interschools Competitions.
- Parents must read, understand and comply with the [Falls Creek Primary School Child Safe Policy](#)

- Parent volunteers must read, understand and comply and sign the Volunteer Code of Conduct. They are also encouraged to have a valid Working with Children Check.
- Parent volunteers will be required to pay their excursion costs, eg accommodation, meals, lift tickets and transport.
- Parents whose children win and take home an individual perpetual trophy will be required to return the trophy, after engraving, to the school by the beginning of Term 2 of the following year to allow time for the school to return it to the Snowsports Development Foundation.
- All children attending Interschools Snowsports competitions need to have a parent taking responsibility for them.
- Only children who have displayed sensible, reliable and responsible behaviour at school will be invited to participate in the Interschools Snowsports program.

## Review cycle

Policy last reviewed	25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Consultation	FCPS School Council.
Approved by	School Council 25 <sup>th</sup> July 2023
Next scheduled review date	2025



**FALLS CREEK PRIMARY SCHOOL**  
**PARENTS CODE OF CONDUCT**  
**AT**  
**INTERSCHOOLS COMPETITIONS**

1. Remember that children participate in sport for their enjoyment, not yours.
2. Place the safety and welfare of the participants above all else.
3. Provide quality supervision for all students in your care.
4. Show appreciation and be courteous to Snowsports coordinators, teachers, parents and students.
5. Respect all the support people involved with Interschools events.
6. Be a good sport yourself. Your behaviour and comments should be positive and supportive.
7. Provide positive focus on the child's efforts and performances rather than winning or losing.
8. Promote respect for all opponents and sporting behaviour.
9. Respect the rights, dignity and worth of every student regardless of their gender or ability.
10. Compliment and encourage all participants.
11. Respect the rules that resorts have put in place. Your safety and those around you is at stake.
12. Do not interfere with the conduct of any events.

I agree to abide by the above Code of Conduct while my child is participating in Interschools competitions.

Signed:..... Date: .....

Name: .....