

23 March 2011

Dear parents and students,

Thank you for your interest in the fantastic opportunities available to your son through the 2012 Ski Tour to Whistler, Canada. The Whistler Blackcomb area is one of the most famous ski resorts in the world and boasts an average annual snowfall in excess of 10 metres.

Whistler Blackcomb's ski area is made up of 12 alpine bowls fed by 3 glaciers guaranteeing excellent snow until late in the season. It has over 200 runs, 5 Parks, 1 Superpipe and 1 Snow Cross Track and 38 lifts and gondolas to help access it all. The Whistler Blackcomb resort conditions are primarily intermediate class (55%) but also offer great skiing for beginners (20%) and experienced skiers and boarders (25%).

The 2012 ski tour has been specifically designed for those wanting to get in some pre-season training before the Australian winter with an opportunity for involvement in an on-snow training and coaching program. For those just wanting to free ski or board, this tour offers an opportunity to ski and board some of the world's best terrain and most exciting terrain parks.

Itinerary

Saturday March 31 – Melbourne to Los Angeles

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Venice beach, Universal Studios, Hollywood bowl, Chinese Theatre, Walk of Fame, Farmers market, Hard Rock Cafe, Kodak Theatre, Hollywood Boulevard, Rodeo Drive, Melrose and Sunset Strip, Chinatown

Monday April 2 – Evening flight to Vancouver; transfer to Whistler

Tuesday April 3 to Tuesday April 10 – Skiing Whistler Blackcomb

Wednesday April 11 – Depart Whistler

Friday April 13 – Arrive Melbourne (early)

Cost

The cost of this trip will be \$6000* plus spending money. Costs include:

- All airfares, taxes, transfers
- Accommodation
- Travel insurance
- 3 day LA stopover (including entry to Universal Studios and LA Grand tour)
- 8 Days lifting
- 8 day high performance skis/boots/poles
- Breakfast and dinner each day
- 2 hour tubing session

Optional

- Free time activities (eg. Movies/tubing/etc)
- Heli-skiing (5 runs) \$1000
- Race training \$TBA

Payment

Non-refundable Deposit	- \$500	Due: May 6 th
Instalment One	- \$2000	Due: July 1 st
Instalment Two	- \$2000	Due: September 16 th
Instalment Three	- \$1500	Due: December 2 nd

*Please note: we are seeking to secure early-bird airfares which will reduce the overall cost by \$500 however, the airline will not guarantee the fare until 11 months prior to departure. Early payment of the deposit will enable you to secure this fare immediately if it becomes available earlier. Should you wish to wait until the airline has confirmed, please fill out the form below and I will add you to my contact list.

All payments can be made directly at the Accounts Department under account name "Whistler Ski Tour" – account 72076. In the event of a cancellation all refundable monies will be reimbursed. If you have any further questions, please do not hesitate to contact me at school on 9810 4321, or via email at cameron.cutchie@scotch.vic.edu.au.

If you are interested in receiving further details about this trip in due course then kindly complete the form below and return it to me at School.

Kind Regards,



Cameron Cutchie
TIC Snowsports - Interschools
2012 Whistler Ski Trip coordinator

Mr Cutchie,

Please include my son on the list of boys who would like to receive further information about the Whistler Ski Tour in April 2012.

STUDENT NAME: _____

SCHOOL No: _____ **TUTOR GROUP:** _____

PARENT/GUARDIAN SIGNATURE: _____

EMAIL: _____

DATE: _____