

# New Zealand Ski Trip 2017

## Ski Trip Information from Info Night

### Key Points:

- Trip Date: Thursday 14 September to Thursday 21 September 2017 (end of Term 3)
- Destination: Wanaka and Queenstown New Zealand
- \$100 non-refundable deposit due by Thursday 25 August 2016
- Students and parents should not rely on a Ski trip being organised in 2018 as it might not go ahead so secure your place for the 2017 trip ASAP.

### What is included in the price?

- Approximately **\$2650** (based on 40 participants and 2016 airfares)
- Return Coach transfer from GCC to airport
- Return Direct Economy Airfares from Brisbane to Queenstown including taxes
- Private Coach Transfers (In New Zealand)
- 3 Nights Accommodation at Lake Hawea Hotel in Wanaka
- 4 Nights Accommodation at Swiss Belresort in Queenstown
- 7 cooked breakfasts & 7 dinners at accommodation (Choice of In house or In town)
- 5 x Days Skis, Poles and Boots or snowboard, boots and helmet hire
- 5 x Days Parka and Pants Hire
- 5 x Day All Mountain Lift Pass – 2 Days Cardrona; 2 Days Coronet Peak & 1 Day Remarkables
- 5 x 1.5 hour Group Lessons
- Skyline Restaurant & Kiwi Haka (including gondola ride and buffet dinner) to be determined\*
- Shotover Jet Ride (Including Transfers from Accommodation)
- Travel Insurance
- Service of Snowscene Representative on snow

### What is not included in the price?

- All Lunches, and any meals not specified on the itinerary (*Budget \$15 to \$25 per day*)
- Cost of Passports
  - (*\$127 for under 18 years of age, valid for 5 years*)
  - (*\$294 for over 18 years of age, valid for 5 years*)
- Ski Goggles, Gloves, Beanie, Ski Socks, Neck Warmer (*\$150 extra purchase through Snowscene travel or you can source your own gear.*)
- Extra activities could include - Adventure Golf - \$15, Movie Cinema - \$20, Ten Pin Bowling \$12, Ice Skating - \$19, Queenstown Luge - \$30

### Some Cautions about Finances:

- Before committing to the trip please make sure you are able to commit financially. There is nothing worse than getting half way through the process and people pull out. Not only does this increase the price for the trip of those going, but you stand the chance of losing a large sum of the money that we have already paid to the travel agency.

### **Some Cautions about Injuries:**

- Skiing and Snowboarding are high risk recreational activities, please consider whether this is something you would like your child to participate in, as injuries can be severe when they occur.
- Students with preexisting shoulder, wrist, arm, and particularly leg, knee and head injuries should consult their family doctor before coming to this trip.
- Those who have had knee and shoulder reconstructions, and even those who have had major surgeries done, will need to get clearance from their family doctors stating that it is ok for them to participate in this trip.

### **Dealing with behavior issues:**

- If your child is prone to poor behavior at school or has a repeated inability to follow teacher instructions we reserve the right to refuse your child's participation in this trip. This will also apply to their behaviour leading up to the trip.
- While on the trip, if your child displays the above poor behaviour, one of a few of consequences could be implemented:
  - Forfeit of ski days
  - Forfeit of planned activities
  - In Extreme circumstances sent home from New Zealand to Australia at parents own expense.

### **So if you have decided to go on the 2017 New Zealand Ski Trip, and you are absolutely sure you can commit to it financially and understand that it is a high risk activity...this is what you need to do:**

- The main administration will start taking \$100 non-refundable deposits from Thursday 18 August, this week.
- The cut off will be Thursday 25 August, next week. This was a highly popular trip in 2015 with 36 students going, and we will only be taking 40 students for the 2017 trip.
- Once you have paid your deposit over the next couple of weeks you will be sent further information about when the next payments are due. These payments will all be non-refundable as prices will be set on a specific number of students attending, and deposits paid for various activities and accommodation.