BASIC BELIEF
- Children will be given the opportunity to experience skills required for recreation and survival in the snow and develop an appreciation of the alpine environment

IMPLEMENTATION
- Emphasis will be on survival, skiing, snowboarding or snow sport skills in a structured program
- A co-ordinator(s) will be appointed to implement the program
- Teachers and parents may be given the opportunity to receive accredited training
- All above activities will adhere to Ministerial guidelines
- Prior to the program, parents, staff and children involved will be fully briefed on safety procedures to be used including snowsafe video and buddy system
- All Mt Buller participants will wear the school’s identification bibs
- Snowboarders must wear wristguards
- Helmets must be worn by alpine skiers and snowboarders
- Children will be excluded from the program if they do not have the required clothing on the day
- All costs related directly to the program will be met by the parents/guardians of the participants. Where possible, grants will be accessed to cover teacher replacement costs
- The co-ordinator(s) will be responsible for checking that budget commitments have been met by participating families
- The program will proceed only in favourable snow and weather conditions
- The decision to proceed or not will be made by co-ordinator(s) by 7.00 am. It will be based on information from sources including the Bureau of Meteorology and Ski School management. Parents will be informed by a message on the school’s answering machine
- The program will be evaluated at the end of the season by all participating staff, parents and students
- Accounts to be finalised before children attend snow program
- Children below grade 3 can participate in the downhill snow program on the following conditions
  - they are accompanied by an adult
  - they have attained brown cockatoo level
  - they are a member of the schools interschool snow sports team
- Children in grade 3 or 4 can also participate in the downhill snow program on the following conditions
  - they have attained brown cockatoo level
  - they are a member of the schools interschool snow sports team
  - parent participation is encouraged.

This policy was ratified by the Mansfield Primary School Council on – 13/07/2009

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