2012 Rouse Hill High School Ski trip report

“It was one of those epic school ski camps. Clear skies on the Monday, while overcast but clearing on the Tuesday with cold, light to moderate winds and dry, wind-blown snow everywhere. With overnight snow making and a light dusting of natural snow the conditions were excellent for both the beginner and more advanced school skiers and snow boarders. The groomed runs were fantastic with all lifts open. Smiggins was the place to be for beginner students who mastered the Captain Cook and Scott j-bar finishing off with the ‘wood run’ while intermediate skiers relished the conditions of both Smiggins and Perisher. Snow boarders were able to practice speed control by changing turn shape and size, carve and ride switch and were introduced to natural features. Excellent accommodation at Cooba in Berridale finished off an epic ski camp. Thank you to Mr Russell Claxton for his wonderful organisational skills and hard work in organising this camp!”

The following student comments are the best way to sum up the value of the trip:

‘It was the best experience ever. I really liked the lessons and the food. The equipment was awesome. I give it 10/10 for a camp. The accommodation was outstanding. I had the best time!’ (Toni)

‘I had a really great time learning how to ski for the first time. I learnt lots of new skills that will be helpful in the future. The accommodation and instructors were great even for a first timer. I liked pushing myself to try harder e.g. skiing Perisher and the T-bar mountains. I liked skiing and hanging out with my friends’. Brooke

‘Ski camp was the best camp ever! We got to ski two days in a row and spend time with friends and spend time with people I didn’t know well. It was cold but still good weather. I was tired but it was worth it. Ski school was good as I got to learn new skills. It was fun ☺. Elise

‘I had an amazing time and experience. I loved the freedom, the fresh air and the snow. It was kind of hard the first day but after a while it was easy. I also met new people, so I can’t wait ‘til next year!’ Rachel

Sharon Laurence reporting for the RHHS Ski Camp Team

Figure 1 the RHHS Ski 'Team'

Figure 2 Ski 'team' again (interesting angle shot)

Figure 3 Après Ski at its best

Figure 4 'Luke' the ski instructor with some of the RHHS 'team'