Year 10 Ski Trip

Mt Hotham stage-managed a much appreciated snowfall as 76 excited Pembroke ski enthusiasts and 9 teachers boarded the bus for the long trip eastwards. On arrival, the students acquired their ski gear for the week and settled into their lodges. For the next 5 days they would get themselves organised for a 9.00 am lesson and spend the rest of the day plundering the slopes to improve their skills. We had great weather for the first 2 days, but the rain settled in about mid-morning on the Wednesday and only the brave ventured out. For the rest, playing board games around the fire seemed the best option. Luckily the skies cleared for a fabulous 2-hour session of night skiing on the ‘Big D’ slopes and so the day ended on a high. The rest of the week produced some reasonable weather and most students were pretty exhausted by the time they had to return the gear and pack up.

At the end of the week we were impressed with the progress the students had made. Over half the group had started as rank beginners, but all had progressed to the point of being able to have fun, safely, on green and blue slopes, with many having success even on the black runs. In the lodges at the end of each day, all the groups joined in to assist with the evening meals and showed initiative in amusing themselves with singing, cards and other fun games as the cold evening skies closed in.

The trip would not have been possible without support from the parents and the attendance of nine great teachers who shared the experience with the students. This trip continues to be a popular choice for many of our students. We are pretty confident that they have gained a lifelong skill and we hope they will continue to have fun, develop their skills and keep safe as they pursue this exciting activity in the snow.

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