

This year we are planning to visit My Hutt on FRIDAYS.

Our provisional (weather dependant) dates are:

23rd June; 7th July; 18th August; 1st September; 15th September; 29th September

Mt Hutt are once again offering a discount package of \$50 per student which includes lift pass, group lesson, and skis/ boots/ poles or board/ boots/ wrist-guards (there is no discount if you do not need the full package). There is a transport cost of \$25 per student to cover hire of the rental vans. Students for whom cost is a barrier to participation are advise to talk to Jill (accounts@aotawhiti.school.nz) about payment options. Mt Hutt require student details at least one week before each trip, and payment at least 48 hours before the trip (ie. students must pay school no later than Tuesday). Students may choose to cancel up to 48 hours before the trip, after which Mt Hutt charge a \$10 administration fee. If the field is not open on the day of the trip (usually due to bad weather) a full refund will be made.

These trips are open to all Ao Tawhiti students, however supervision ratios (approx 1:8) are calculated based on students being independent on the mountain. Students requiring closer supervision/ support (particularly students based at the Discovery site) may require us to increase ratios. Ideally parent(s) will be able to assist us with this. Please contact matt.parkes@aotawhiti.school.nz if you are able to assist with any of the trips. Parent helpers **may** receive a free or discounted lift pass, dependant on student numbers.

Check <https://www.nzski.com/mt-hutt> after 6am on the day of the trip. If the field is open, the trip will be on. Our plan is to leave from the Unlimited Campus (over the road from Jack Mann auditorium) by 7am. Students need to arrive by 6:50am - if we leave late, we get less time on the snow and risk missing lessons. We should arrive at Mt Hutt by 8:45, lifts open at 9am. A staff member will collect lift passes, and then students needing hire gear will be assisted to collect this from the rentals department.

Lessons will usually begin at 10:30 and are an important component of the learning programme for the day. Students are free to practice their skiing/ boarding for the rest of the day once lessons are finished. Food and drinks are available from the cafe, but are quite expensive so students are advised to bring their own. We should be back at the Unlimited campus by 6pm. Students should update their parents if we are going to be early/ late back.

This year we are hoping to make NZQA assessments in skiing and snowboarding available to students. This is dependant upon Skills Active approval, and there will be an additional cost for students wishing to gain credits towards NCEA.

Students are responsible for ensuring that they catch up any work that they miss from Friday classes, and should discuss this with their HBLA/ class LAs. Students not taking a lesson will need to agree an Off-Site Learning plan with their HBLA **before** signing up for a trip.