

# **THE SCOTS SCHOOL**



## **BATHURST**

# **EQUESTRIAN INFORMATION BOOKLET**

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The following outlines The Scots School Equestrian Program, the expectations of equestrian students and parents and the list of equipment/uniform required.

Please read the following carefully and once you have read it and fully understood it please sign the form on the last page and hand it to the MIC Equestrian. This should be handed in with a photocopy of the students current Equestrian Australia (EA) membership card.

## 1. The Program:

The Scots School Equestrian Program is a co curricular program designed to allow students who have their **own** horses to train and compete during the summer periods. It is offered as a Summer Sport so it runs during Term 4 and Term 1 each year.

The students will travel to the venue where their horses are kept on Tuesdays and Thursday afternoons and train their horses or undergo instruction. They will then use the time on weekends to either compete or continue with training instruction.

It is expected that at least 3 competitions are attended each term.

The school participates in Interschool competitions (compulsory for equestrian students). There may be other events that come up throughout the year that will be compulsory. Some of which include;

- St Stanislaus Interschool Competition (Feb) (K-12)
- Evans Crown Horse Sports Day at Lithgow (In March) (K-12)
- The Scots School Highland Gathering Show jumping Day (March)
- All Saints Showjumping Day (May) (K-12)
- The North West Equestrian Expo at Coonabarabran (Early June) (7-12)

Students are also able to participate in other Interschool activities with discussion with the MIC Equestrian. **These may include:**

- **Local Shows** – we do encourage as many of our riders as possible to attend the local shows
- **EA NSW Interschool Championships** – this event is held at SIEC early in March. Information about this competition is available from the MIC Equestrian or from the EA website. Entries close for this event in the first week of February and must be completed online at [www.nominate.com.au](http://www.nominate.com.au) . The cost of participating at SIEC is very high and we do not expect all members of the program to even consider this event. However it would be very good to have a Scots team each year so please let the MIC Equestrian know if you are interested.
- **Canberra and Sydney Royal shows and representative Breed Shows and Hack Council events** – some of our more experienced riders will be accepted to compete at these prestigious events. School leave **MUST** be sought to have time off school.

- **Other Interschool Competitions** – Again this season, it would be good to have some representation at other interschool events. Students will have full support to attend other events and encourage you to consider any competitions that may be suitable for your child. Please feel free to consult with the MIC Equestrian if you are not sure of what may be expected at the various types of competition.
- **Pony Club events** – many of our riders are also members of their local pony club. It is great for students to attend pony club rallies and to compete at the many competitions that are offered by the clubs.

The Scots School also hosts the **Highland Gathering Showjumping Carnival** which is held during the schools Highland Gathering in March. All students in the program are expected to be involved in the organisation of this event and to participate in this event.

It is expected that riders will want to pursue different avenues with their horses such as dressage, showjumping, breed performance and halter events, sporting, camp drafting and so on. It is our mission to support all our students as they develop their talents in these areas. It is also important that **all riders continue to improve their flat riding as this is the key component in any specialist area**. It is also important that although some riders will not actively participate in the main disciplines of interschool competitions such as dressage, Showjumping, Eventing, Hacking, that they participate in instruction organised as these events are the ones held at most interschool competitions and at Coonabarabran.

All students are encouraged to enrol in Equestrian Australia's Equiskills Program. More information on this can be obtained from the MIC equestrian. Regular clinics are held to aid students in achieving their goals for this program.

## 2. Expectations of Equestrian Students and parents

Equine sports require students to demonstrate high levels of responsibility, not just in caring for their horse but also for taking precautions that minimize the likelihood of injury to themselves and their mount. Therefore, equestrian students are expected to adhere to the following expectations whilst riding at home, at school, at interschool events, at clinics, at competitions.

1. All riders **MUST** be a current financial member of Equestrian Australia.
2. Students **MUST** keep a **LOG BOOK** via the Equestrian Calendar indicating when they trained (Tuesday and Thursday) and the activities taken on the weekends. This **MUST** be handed to the MIC Equestrian at the end of each month or when asked for.
3. Students must complete the Equestrian Planner at the beginning of each term.
4. Students are reminded that Tuesdays and Thursdays are **NOT** the day to have appointments and if they do so they must tell the MIC equestrian beforehand. It is like any other sport that if you have to miss a training then you must get permission or notify the coach.

5. To **provide and wear appropriate clothing and safety equipment**, e.g., riding boots, an approved riding helmet, long pants and a shirt with sleeves. Parents may choose to provide an ASA approved protective safety vest for their son or daughter but this is not compulsory.

6. **Safety footwear** is required by all persons who are involved in the riding, instruction or observation of riders (including parents, sisters, brothers, friends etc)

Safety footwear includes completely enclosed footwear, preferably leather eg riding boots, lace-up shoes etc. We require parents to also wear safety footwear when around the horses. If incorrect footwear is worn then the individual will be asked to leave the area where the horses are.

7. Students need to **provide their own saddlery and equipment** and are encouraged to have all items clearly marked with their names. All equipment must be clean and well looked after. All students must have a gear check each time they ride at a school organised activity. Parents are responsible for checking students gear when riding at home.

8. To ensure that horses brought to The Scots School or venues where clinics are held are healthy, all horses must have had appropriate vaccinations (Strangles and Tetanus) and to be regularly drenched. Certificates or proof of this may be requested. All horses must also have their feet regularly trimmed or shod. Should the MIC Equestrian feel the horse is not suitable for riding then the owners of the horse will be asked to remove the horse from the venue and to attend to the issue.

9. Students are only permitted to ride at The Scots School when under organised instruction or organised riding times.(unless they are agisting horses at Scots and have signed the agistment contract)

10. Students must ride only the horses they are approved to ride and not to let other people ride their horse without the appropriate permissions. To obtain permission to ride another student's horse written permission is required from both your parent AND the parent who owns the horse. Equestrian staff **MUST** be given the appropriate forms **BEFORE** the horses are ridden. This is important for a safety point of view, since students need to ride horses that they are familiar with and appropriate to their level of skill.

11. ALL students **MUST** be current financial members of Equestrian Australia. This is necessary for insurance purposes. Before a student can ride at one of the schools activities a copy of the membership card must be handed into the MIC Equestrian.

12. Approved Leave

Horse riders **MAY** be given approved leave for horse riding competitions. They may also be given some leave to prepare for and travel to such competitions. All leave must be applied for by forwarding a written application (email is satisfactory) to the Headmaster and MIC Equestrian. Students should obtain work from their teachers.

Should students require leave from a compulsory school activity such as Cadets, Chapels or other sports then the form at the back of this booklet **MUST** be completed 7 days prior to the required date of leave.

13. All parents and students are expected to show respect for and to:

- i. Other parents, riders, visitors
- ii. Instructors, judges, organisers, volunteers
- iii. Their horses
- iv. The venues
- v. Their parents!!!!

### **3. AGISTMENT AGREEMENT FOR BOARDERS –**

The school provides on campus agistment. Agistment may be organised via the MIC Equestrian.

Agistment is ONLY available for boarders' horses.

Agistment is on a term basis and all horses are to be removed from The Scots School during holidays.

All boarders' parents and students MUST sign the agistment contract before horses arrive on the school grounds.

Agistment will be billed on the mid-term accounts each term. A parent's inability to keep up to date with school fees/accounts may result in the loss of the right to agist your horse.

Students are responsible for the daily care and feeding of horses. The MIC equestrian will oversee this. Animal Welfare is paramount and if an animal is not being cared for then a warning will be issued to the student. After 2 warnings a meeting will be held with the parents to discuss the future agistment of the horse.

Before horses arrive at The Scots School Agistment Centre they must have current Tetanus and Strangles vaccinations. They must also be drenched prior to arrival at the beginning of each term. Horses should also have been recently shod/trimmed by a farrier.

Boarders are expected to notify (both in writing and verbally) boarding house staff when they are leaving the boarding house to ride or attend to horses.

Students MUST NOT ride on the cricket pitch and in the case of wet weather they must not ride on the cricket oval itself.

Students are NOT able to jump unsupervised.

Students are able to organise private instruction on the school grounds but the instructor must be an accredited, have their own insurance and be approved by the MIC Equestrian and the School beforehand.

All boarders riding MUST have a mobile phone in case of emergency. (They should not ride with the phone but have it in a safe place in case of need)

The school holds no responsibility for any injury that occurs to any horse. They hold no responsibility for any damage or loss of any personal horse gear/equipment. All horses and gear are kept on the school premises at the owners own risk.

It is the responsibility of the parents of the rider to transport or organise transport to and from events/ training days. The school does not provide horse transport.

## 4. The Scots School Equestrian Team uniform/gear requirements

The following gives you a list of the requirements for the uniform and gear. Please use the form at the back of this booklet to order equipment.

- Yellow 'Dust N Boots ' Shirt with embroidery
- Black Vests with embroidery
- Blue and Gold Sporting Reins
- Blue Black and Gold PVC Sporting bridles
- Scots Equestrian Scrunchies (girls only!!)
- Scots Saddlecloth (new ones are being phased in and if you are attending events it is highly advised you purchase the new one ASAP).
- Scots Brow band (new ones are being phased in and if you are attending events it is highly advised you purchase the new one ASAP).
- TSS Blue Sports Shirt
- Scots School Equestrian Jacket
  
- Senior Tie
- TSS Rugby Jersey (Yellow or Secondary)
- Parade Boots – a set of 4 royal blue neoprene boots
- Black Velvet Helmet (3838)
- Boots and Gaiters – black or brown
- Jodhpurs (Beige)
- Black gloves

Students will not be allowed to represent the school at any competition without the full uniform.

Students are expected to attend all clinics, lessons, events with horses and gear clean and well presented.

## 5. Contacts:

**MIC Equestrian:** Mrs Libby Dawes Ph: 0457515167

Email: [ldawes@scots.nsw.edu.au](mailto:ldawes@scots.nsw.edu.au)

**Headmaster:** Mr David Gates

[dgates@scots.nsw.edu.au](mailto:dgates@scots.nsw.edu.au)

**Sports master:** Mr Justin Adams

[jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au](mailto:jadams@scots.nsw.edu.au)

## APPLICATION FOR EXEMPTION FROM COMPULSORY SCHOOL ACTIVITIES DUE TO EQUESTRIAN COMMITMENTS

*This form MUST be submitted at least 7 days before the date of the exemption is requested*

Dear Mr Gates,

I am applying for exemption from a compulsory school activity due to school equestrian activity commitments. The details are below:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Year: \_\_\_\_\_

I am applying for exemption from \_\_\_\_\_ on the following date or dates \_\_\_\_\_.

The reason I am applying for this exemption is due to: \_\_\_\_\_

*(If this is due to an upcoming competition please include details of the competition)*

This application is certified by a Parent/Guardian: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed by Parent/Guradian)

This application is certified by the Equestrian Coordinator: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed by Equestrian Coordinator)

This application is certified by the coach/ coordinator for the compulsory activity:

\_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Signed by Coach /Coordinator of activity)

This application for exemption from the above named compulsory school activities on the above named date/dates has been considered and it has been:

Approved

Disapproved due to the following reasons: \_\_\_\_\_

Signed: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

(Headmaster)



**THE SCOTS SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM**

**Member Information**

**Students Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parents Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Year at School:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Address:** \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_

**Phone Number/s:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Email Address:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Horse Details:**

**Name:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Breed:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Any registrations:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Height:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Age:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you a member of any riding/pony clubs?** \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

**Details of Riders Experience:** (How long have they been riding, What disciplines do they ride in, How experience are they, what levels/grades do they compete in etc) \_\_\_\_\_

**Do you own your own float for transport?** \_\_\_\_\_

**Are you able to transport other students horses should the need arrive?** \_\_\_\_\_

**THE SCOTS SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN TEAM UNIFORM/GEAR REQUIREMENTS**

Items to be ordered: (Please note all items are compulsory except for rugs)

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Item	Size	Quantity	Price (Approx)	Total Price.
<b>Yellow Dust-n-Boots Shirt</b>	So you can work out your sizes please go to <a href="http://www.dustnboots.com">www.dustnboots.com</a> or phone 0267295730 to order your shirts. They are the Ladies Gournama Full Button Two Pocket Work Shirt in Yellow. They also come in children's sizes. These can be either given to me or dropped into Stitches on Keppel to be embroidered.			
<b>Black Vests</b>	S, M or L (they are very small)		\$ 80	
<b>Equestrian Jacket (Wind and Water proof) – Parents welcome to purchase one as well.</b>	S, M or L		\$100	
<b>Blue and Gold Sporting Reins</b>	90cm, 100cm, 110cm, 120cm		\$40	
<b>Blue Black and Gold PVC Sporting Bridles</b>	P, C or F		\$70	
<b>Scrunchies (Girls only)</b>			\$20	
<b>Saddlecloth (new ones for 2014)</b>			\$100	
<b>Brow band –</b>	Pony, Cob or Full		\$90	

<b>Kersey Wool Rug with embroidery  (Not Compulsory)</b>			TBA	
<b>Cotton Rug with embroidery  (Not Compulsory)</b>			\$120	

**You must also have (you must arrange this yourselves)**

1. TSS Blue Sports Shirt
2. Senior Tie
3. TSS Rugby Jersey (Yellow or Secondary)
4. Parade Boots – a set of 4 royal blue neoprene boots
5. Black Helmet
6. Boots and Gaiters (black or brown)
7. Jodhpurs (Beige)

**Signed:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Parent/Guardian**

PLEASE NOTE – STUDENTS WILL NOT BE ALLOWED TO REPRESENT THE SCHOOL AT ANY COMPETITION WITHOUT THE FULL UNIFORM.

## THE SCOTS SCHOOL EQUESTRIAN PROGRAM

I have thoroughly read the The Scots School Equestrian Information Booklet and understand all of the expectations and requirements. I have also gone through this booklet with my son/daughter\_\_\_\_\_ and I am confident they also have a full understanding of its contents.

I understand that should my son/daughter not fulfil the requirements stated then they will be given a warning and then they will be asked to choose another sport.

Please sign below and return this with a copy of your son/daughters current EA Membership card and the term planner.

Parent Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

(Parent- NOT house masters!)

Student Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

MIC Equestrian Signed:\_\_\_\_\_ Date:\_\_\_\_\_

EA card sighted: Yes No