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# Salty's Tales

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## From the heat of tropical north Queensland to the icy ski slopes of Hakuba Valley, Japan!

The week-long adventure recently undertaken by nearly sixty Smithfield State High School students comprised of five days skiing and snowboarding through the spectacular mountains of the Japanese Alps, and a day visiting the Snow Monkeys in their frozen natural habitat.

The trip was an exhilarating and eye-opening experience for all, with most students having never before seen snow or been exposed to sub zero temperatures. The sheer size and expanse of the ski fields surpassed all expectations and ensured a challenging and rewarding week for skiers and boarders alike. Three lessons with professional ski instructors saw many students confident enough to take on the "expert" slopes.

Highlights of the trip included strategic snowball attacks against the unsuspecting teachers, falling face first into the deep powder snow, laughing as others fell face first into the snow, and attempting to order food in a restaurant where nobody spoke a word of English. The incredible experience was topped off by near perfect snow conditions, great teachers, enthusiastic tour guides and ski instructors, as well as the polite and helpful Japanese locals.



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