

## Swimming Policy

Swimming is an integral and essential part of the physical education program. Becoming a confident and competent swimmer is essential to student safety, as well as increasing opportunities for both leisure and sporting pursuits.

### Purpose

To develop confident and competent swimmers who display the skills, knowledge and confidence required to enjoy swimming and other aquatic activities in safety.

### Implementation

- The school's annual swimming program will be organised and coordinated by the appointed teacher, will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools, and will comply with DEET requirements at all times.
- All class levels will be given the opportunity to attend the swimming program.
- The staff member in charge will check that all volunteers have completed a Working with Children Check. Teachers will inform parent helpers of correct protocol in the change rooms (eg. separate male and female change rooms, respect of students privacy)
- A minimum of 2 staff members will be in attendance at all times.
- The program will consist of 30-60 minute lessons over a period of 5 days.
- Student progress, achievement levels, reports and certificates will be provided by the pool staff and coordinated by the Teacher in Charge.
- The swimming program will be run by qualified AUS-SWIM teachers. School staff will assist with supervision.
- Parents must provide a completed and signed swimming permission form for their child to participate in the program, and staff associated with the swimming program are to be made familiar with medical histories of students in respect to epilepsy, diabetes, asthma and heart conditions, and appropriate measures taken.
- Students with ear infections, throat infections, colds, papillomas and other contagious infections will not be permitted to enter the water until they have recovered.
- Costs associated with swimming programs must be paid by parents prior to the commencement of the program. Parents experiencing financial difficulty should contact the Principal.

### Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three year review cycle

**This policy was ratified by School Council in 2017.**

**This policy will be reviewed by School Council in 2020.**