



Friday 14th October, 2022

SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Dear Parent/Caregiver,

This year, children in Years 2, 3 and 4 have the opportunity to participate in the Department of Education's *School Swimming and Water Safety Program*. This program did not run in 2020 or 2021 due to COVID 19 restrictions. This year we are able to offer the scheme to children who missed out over the past 2 years.

The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The program is conducted over ten days. Instruction will take place at Sapphire Aquatic Centre, Pambula with each daily lesson running for 45 minutes.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently, unaided, with correct technique in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program.

The Program will continue **daily for two weeks** from Monday 28th November to Friday 9th December. **There will be no charge for instruction.**

Transport will cost \$ 3.60 per day (\$36.00 total)

Pool entry will cost \$3.30 per day unless your child has a pool pass. (Please indicate on the permission slip if this is the case and email a copy/photo of the pass to the school).

The **total cost** for the 10 day program is \$36.00 for the bus and \$33.00 for pool entry (unless your child has a season pass)

Each child should bring a swimming costume, towel, hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Please ensure that all items are labelled clearly with your child's name.

Students will be assessed during the School Swimming and Water Safety Program for all water safety skills, without wearing goggles.

If your child is eligible for the program, please complete and sign the attached form and return it to your child's class teacher. Preference will be given to Year 2 and 3 Non-swimmers/Beginning Swimmers and following on with Year 4 Non-swimmers/Beginning Swimmers.

Yours sincerely,

Vanessa Bain
Swimming Scheme Coordinator

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM CONSENT FORM

Return this section by: **Friday, October 28 (Week 3)**

Dear Ms Bain,

I hereby consent to the attendance of my son/daughter _____ of class _____ at the School Swimming and Water Safety Program classes to be held at Sapphire Aquatic Centre Pambula from Monday 28th October to Friday 9th December.

Travel will be by bus. **Total cost for 10 day program is \$ 69.00** (pool entry included)

\$36.00 (my child has a pool pass and I have emailed a copy/photo of the pass to the school)

Payment must be made online: Via school website <https://merimbula-p.schools.nsw.gov.au/> (click on Make a Payment at the top) fill in all green asterisks and 'tick' Extra Curricular under Payment Option and use payment description 'School Swimming Program'.

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorise (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment, etc):

I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

- My child is a (please circle): Non-Swimmer / *Beginning Swimmer* / *Intermediate Swimmer*
- My child is a strong swimmer who can swim 25-50m pool laps/races and will not be attending the swim program
- I have paid \$_____ online and my receipt number is _____

Name of Parent/Caregiver: _____ Contact Number: _____

Signed: _____ Date: _____

TO BE RETAINED AT THE SCHOOL

Privacy Notice

The personal information provided on this permission note, will be used by the Department of Education for general administration and communication and other matters of welfare relating to your child at this event. While the provision of this information is voluntary, it is strongly recommended that all details are completed. Failure to do so, may impede the resolution of welfare issues should you not be able to be contacted. This information will be stored securely.

Please be aware that the media exposure at this event may result in your child's name, school details and/or photograph appearing in a Newspaper, on Television or on the School Sport Unit website.