

# Swimming POLICY

## **Rationale:**

- Swimming is an integral part of the physical education program providing opportunities for intensive swimming practice and safety and survival skills as well as increasing opportunities for both leisure and sporting pursuits.

## **Aims:**

- 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 by a teacher whose designated role is to coordinate swimming program across the school, will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools, which provide qualified swimming and will comply with DEECD requirements at all times.
- A minimum of 2 school staff members will be in attendance at all times. However the ratio for staff to swimmers will be made up from the instructors at the swimming facility
- Minimum overall DEECD staff-student ratios will be followed at all times. That is:-
  - **Beginners:** (shallow water – little or no experience) 1 staff to maximum 10 students.
  - **Intermediate:** (basic skills and able to swim 25 metres with a recognisable stroke) 1 staff to maximum 12 students
  - **Advanced:** (able to swim 50 metres using 2 recognisable strokes and demonstrate 1 survival stroke in deep water) 1 staff to maximum 15 students.
- The swimming program will follow a current recognised swimming program,. The program will consist of 30-45 minute lessons each day for 10 days in a type 1 venue. A type 1 venue is described as swimming pools and contained natural shallow water venues
- Staff Qualifications:  
**Venue Type 1: swimming pools and contained natural shallow water venues** As a minimum one staff member *involved in instruction* must hold an AUSTSWIM teacher of swimming and water safety certificate. Wherever possible a second staff member should also have an AUSTSWIM certificate.
- 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. (See SOTF Reference Guide 4.4.4.7 – Swimming: medical warnings).
- 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.
- No refunds for days missed will be provided

## **Evaluation:**

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.2010