

**Rationale:**

Swimming is an integral and essential part of the physical educational program. Becoming a confident and competent swimmer is essential to student safety, 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 and coordinated by a designated teacher who has overall responsibility for the program, the program will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools and will comply with DEECD requirements at all times.
- A minimum of 2 staff members will be in attendance at all times, one being a qualified teacher employed by either the School Council or DEECD
- Swimming instructors must hold AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety certificate and current CPR qualifications.
- Instructor/student ratio will be 1 instructor to 8 students.
- The swimming program will follow levels 1-7 of the RLSSA Aquapass program, with student progress, achievement levels, reports and certificates being coordinated by pool staff.
- Currently, the program consists of nine 45 minute lessons over 2 weeks. This will be assessed and organised each year to accommodate the students and ensure the costs are fair and reasonable.
- We will comply with the emergency procedures specified by the pool.
- 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 contagious infections will not be permitted to enter the water until they have recovered.
- Costs associated with the swimming program 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 cycle.