

SCHOOL SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Message to Parents / Caregivers

The NSW Department of Education School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our school curriculum. Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Years 2 and 3 but provides for weak swimmers in Years 4 to 6 as well as students with special needs, such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.

Instruction will take place at _____ . The Scheme will continue **daily for**
Name of pool

two weeks from _____ to _____
Start date Finish date

Travel will be by _____ at a cost of \$ _____ per day.
Means of transport Daily transport cost

Pool entry will cost _____ per day. There will be no charge for instruction.
Daily pool entry cost

The total cost for the 10 day scheme is \$ _____.
Total cost

Each child should bring a swimming costume, a towel, a blouse or shirt, a hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Where instruction takes place in an outdoor pool, it is recommended that students use adequate sun protection, for example SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sun screen, reapplied regularly. A T-shirt or rash shirt is also recommended (pool facility permitting).

Students will be assessed during the School Swimming Scheme for all water safety skills without wearing goggles.

If your child is eligible for the Scheme, please complete and sign the consent form and return it to your child's class teacher.

Principal: _____ **Date:** _____
Name of principal Date