

SWIMMING POLICY

RATIONALE:

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

AIMS:

- To develop a sense of water awareness
- To promote water safety, fitness, health and well being
- To foster independence and team work
- To reinforce, enrich and extend learning opportunities beyond the classroom

IMPLEMENTATION:

- The school's annual swimming program will be organised and coordinated by the Physical Education teacher, or an appointed coordinator, and will involve the use of a nearby aquatic centre, and will comply with DET requirements at all times
- When booking or renewing the Aquatic Swim Centre for the following year, assurance must be guaranteed the Aquatic centre is properly accredited and licensed to teach a swimming program. A copy of the swimming school's accreditation must be sited by Findon Primary School
- All swimming instructors must be qualified AUSTSWIM Teachers of Swimming and Water Safety (certificate and current CPR qualifications need to be made available upon request)
- Findon staff members will be in attendance at all times, to oversee the implementation of the program. School staff will supervise with transporting groups to and from the venue, and changing in the change rooms
- Minimum overall DET staff to student ratios will be followed at all times
- The Aquatic centre will staff the program with a maximum of 1:10 ratio
- The swimming program will follow Levels 1-7 of the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (RLSSA) Aquapass program, with student progress, achievement levels, reports and certificates being coordinated by the aquatic centre in consultation with Findon staff. The program will consist of 8 x 1 hour lessons within an intensive program
- A venue emergency drill will be explained and practised at the start of the program, and throughout the program
- Parents/Caregivers must provide a completed and signed swimming permission form for their child to participate in the program. Permission notes must be taken to the pool as a legal requirement
- Payment must be paid prior to the commencement of the program. Parents/Caregivers experiencing financial difficulty should contact the Principal
- Learning Team leaders will run through swimming rules and procedures at team meetings prior to the commencement of the swimming program and familiarise themselves with Findon's swimming process
- Staff associated with the swimming program are to become familiar with medical histories of students in respect to epilepsy, diabetes, anaphylaxis, asthma, heart conditions and students with additional needs and appropriate measures taken. (See SOTF Reference Guide 4.4.4.7 – Swimming: medical warnings)
- Students with papillomas and other contagious infections will not be permitted to attend the program until they have recovered
- Students involved in the swimming program but choose not to participate on any given day will still attend the swimming program as observers
- A First Aid kit and student medications (e.g. Epipens) to be available for use. The First Aid Kit to travel down to the pool with the first group and be returned with the last group. Individual student medications and administration to be the responsibility of the supervising teachers
- The teachers in charge must keep a clear and accurate roll of the group before travelling to and leaving the centre. A list of swimming and non swimming students to be forwarded to the office before departure

- Students must be accompanied by a Findon staff member in the change rooms. Parents/ Caregivers who have a valid 'Working with Children Check' are required to display their badge at all times and may assist in the change rooms. Staff will ensure that all Parents/Caregivers adhere to this requirement
- Signs will be displayed in the pool area to enforce expectations of Parents/Caregivers who are observing the lessons
- If a student needs to leave the pool for any reason, they must inform their instructor and a teacher. All students must be supervised in the toilet and change rooms
- Attending staff are required to take a mobile phone. If a problem or emergency arises, staff will inform the school of the issue and assist with resolving any difficulties
- Students are to be made aware of a common assembly point after changing and should not leave the change rooms unless instructed by the supervising teachers on duty. Students are required to remain with teacher in the change rooms until all students are ready to return to school. For safety reasons students are not permitted back onto the pool concourse after changing
- All Foundation to Year 2 students are expected to participate in the Swimming Program. All efforts will be made to provide a program that is inclusive of all and meets the individual needs of all students
- An alternative program for students not attending swimming will be arranged

EVALUATION:

This policy will be reviewed as part of the ongoing three year review.

REFERENCES:

Schools of the Future Reference (SOTF Reference Guide 4.4.4.7 – Swimming: medical warnings)

DET website

Levels 1-7 of the Royal Life Saving Society of Australia (RLSSA) Aquapass program