

# Tobruk Street Primary School

## SWIMMING POLICY

### **Rationale**

Swimming is an integral and essential part of the Physical Education Program. Becoming a confident and competent swimmer is essential to student safety, as well as increasing opportunities for both leisure and sporting pursuits.

### **Policy Aims:**

- To develop confident and competent swimmers who display the skills, knowledge and understanding that will enable them to comprehend aquatic dangers and to participate safely in aquatic activities.

### **Broad Guidelines:**

The swimming program is designed to assist students to:

- develop confidence in the water by providing a wide variety of appropriate situations and activities;
- make participation in swimming an enjoyable and social experience;
- allow all children the opportunity to participate in a sequence of swimming survival, water safety, rescue and emergency procedure experiences;
- develop swimming strokes, water skills and personal safety awareness;
- encourage participation in aquatic activities as a leisure pursuit.

### **Implementation:**

The school's annual swimming program will be organised and co-ordinated by the School Physical Education co-ordinator, will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools and will comply with DEECD requirements at all times.

Swimming lessons shall be available to all children in grades Prep to six and consist of approximately 5 hours of instruction.

Children not involved in the swimming program will remain at school and be supervised by remaining classroom teachers.

Children not attending swimming should provide a written note either for the whole program or on a lesson basis.

Austswim qualified instructors will be employed as required.

The teacher in charge shall call the roll before leaving school and student numbers checked before entering the bus (or walking) on arrival and departure.

A list of staff and children on the bus and attending the swimming session will be left at the school office prior to departure.

School staff will assume responsibility for change room supervision, respecting students' rights to privacy.

All staff are aware of, and familiar with, the Aquatic Centre's Emergency Procedures.

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.

Costs associated with swimming programs must be paid by parents prior to the commencement of the program. Parents experiencing financial difficulties should contact the Principal.

### **Evaluation:**

A record of each child's swimming performance will be maintained.

The effectiveness of the Swimming Program will be evaluated by the Physical Education co-ordinator in consultation with the staff.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in 2013  
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