



OSBORNES FLAT PS

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.

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 the Admin staff.
- Two staff members will be in attendance at all times, one being a qualified teacher employed by either the School Council or DET who has overall responsibility for the program.
- Our school will use Wodonga Leisure Centre as our swimming instruction facility.
- Children P-3 will have a week of daily swimming lessons each year.
- Each swimming lesson will be three quarters of an hour in length.
- All teaching staff involved in swimming programs will be AUSTSWIM qualified.
- An emergency drill will be explained and practiced at the start of the program, and throughout the program.
- 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 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.

Evaluation:

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

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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