

Swimming Policy

PURPOSE

Tecoma Primary School's optional swimming programs enhance students' safety and survival knowledge, recreational enjoyment and proficiency in the water. As the Victorian Curriculum F-10 now requires swimming and water safety programs to be taught as part of Health and Physical Education in the standard curriculum, attendance by all students is encouraged.

The aim of the swimming program is:

- to develop water confidence and a clear understanding of water safety
- to work towards the achievement of a minimum level 3 (or equivalent), for students who annually take part in the swimming program, by the end of year 6.
- to identify talented swimmers and provide an avenue for them to excel e.g., swimming sports.

SCOPE

This policy applies to:

- All students, parents, staff and volunteers at Tecoma Primary School
- Instructors at the Aquatic Centre

POLICY

- The Physical Education teacher (or designated staff member) will co-ordinate the planning and implementation of the program.
- Student participation in the swimming program is encouraged through active promotion by staff members and via the school Newsletter.
- The program is based on water familiarisation, swimming and water safety and will operate for 7 weekly sessions. The cost of this program is to be borne by the parent.
- Students in Grades 5 and 6 will have an additional 1.5hr water safety component, which will feature in their student report. This component will take place utilising DET funding, which will enable Tecoma Primary School to fulfil the swimming and water safety requirements of Health and Physical Education in the Victorian Curriculum F-10.
- Instructors are provided by the Aquatic Centre and are AustSwim trained and hold current CPR accreditation.
- The school selects a suitable pool in the local area which provides the best resources and swimming education program.
- Only buses that have seatbelts will be used to transport participants to and from the venue.
- Whilst at the swimming venue there must be Tecoma PS staff supervision in both the male and female changing rooms during changing times.

- The school will endeavour to coordinate for a male member of staff to be rostered to accompany each group, to supervise changing times
- Parents (both male and female), who hold current Working with Children Checks, and have signed Tecoma Primary School's Child Safety Code of Conduct, will be invited to assist with the changing of students in the younger grades.

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

Policies which need to read in conjunction with this Policy:

- Working With Children's Card Policy
- Child Safety Policy

REVIEW CYCLE

This policy was last updated on **12th September, 2018**, and is scheduled for review in **August, 2021**