

POLICY STATEMENT

SWIMMING

PURPOSE:

The swimming programs enhance students' safety and survival knowledge, recreational enjoyment and proficiency in the water. It is seen as an integral part of the Health and Physical Education program and therefore attendance by all students is encouraged.

OBJECTIVES:

- 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 eg. swimming sports.

GUIDELINES FOR IMPLEMENTATION:

- 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 enthusiastic, highly skilled speakers.
- The program is based on water familiarisation, swimming and water safety and is intensive and will operate for 9 sessions over a two week period.
- 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.
- The venue will be asked to display signs in both the female and male changing rooms advising that an area of the rooms are segregated from the general public during student changing times. However, we must

adhere to the pool policy in regard to parents of opposite gender entering change rooms.

- If a 'Family Change Area' is available, parents/carers (of the opposite gender to the child) will be able to advise teachers and help change their child in this area. The child must be returned to the care of the teacher as soon as the child is dressed.
- Ideally, the school would like all parents (both male and female), to hold current 'Working with Children Checks', in order to assist with the changing of students in the younger grades.
- The cost of the program is to be borne by the parent.

EVALUATION:

Evaluation of this policy will be carried out by the Policy Committee as part of the Policy Committee's cyclic review process, in three years' time, or beforehand, if a significant issue arises.