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 safely.

Implementation:
- The school’s annual swimming program will be organised and coordinated by the 1/2 classroom teachers who will be in attendance at all times, will involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools, and will comply with Department of Education requirements at all times.
- The program will be implemented and overseen by an Accredited Swimming Centre and its trained staff.
- Minimum overall Departmental staff-student ratios will be followed at all times. That is:
  - Beginners: (shallow water – little or no experience) 1 staff to maximum 10 students.
  - Intermediate: (basic skills and able to swim 25 metres with a recognisable stroke) 1 staff to maximum 12 students
  - Advanced: (able to swim 50 metres using 2 recognisable strokes and demonstrate 1 survival stroke in deep water) 1 staff to maximum 15 students.
- The swimming program will follow Levels 1-7 of the RLSSA Aquapass program, with student progress, achievement levels, reports and certificates being coordinated by the Swimming Centre
- The program will consist of 30 minute lessons each day for 2 weeks.
- 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, heart conditions, or other relevant medical conditions. Appropriate measures will be 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 three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in.... November 2011

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