

# **PARKHILL PRIMARY SCHOOL**

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## **POLICY: SWIMMING**

**PROGRAM LEADER:** Rod McKinlay  
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### **RATIONALE**

The Parkhill Primary School Swimming program is an integral 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. The Parkhill Primary School Swimming program includes all students from Prep to Grade 6.

### **AIMS**

1. To provide all students with the opportunity to participate in an annual, sequential intensive program facilitating the development of confident and competent swimmers who display the skills, knowledge and confidence required to safely enjoy swimming and other aquatic activities.
2. To develop, in students, a knowledge of water safety and survival.
3. To allow students to develop recreational and leisure skills.
4. To allow students to develop their personal best in swimming.
5. To encourage a healthy and active lifestyle

### **IMPLEMENTATION**

- The school's annual swimming program will be organised and co-ordinated by the Physical Education teacher or designated person who will ensure that it is conducted by suitably qualified personnel at an appropriate pool and that the program will comply with DET requirements at all times.
- Staff - student ratios will be adhered to.
- The swimming program will be accredited by VicSwim, with student progress, achievement levels, reports and certificates being awarded to students as they progress.
- The program will consist of 8 - 10 lessons of approximately 45 minutes each.
- For students to participate in the Swimming Carnival at the end of the swimming program they must have paid for, and participated in the swimming lessons, unless there are extenuating circumstances which are approved by the Principal.
- 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 should be paid by parents prior to the commencement of the program. Parents experiencing financial difficulty are encouraged to contact the Principal to arrange a payment plan or to seek financial assistance.
- Class teachers will be responsible for supervision of students whilst travelling to and from the pool and in the changing rooms and pool environs. When necessary, parents may be co-opted to ensure gender appropriate supervision. These parents must have a Working with Children Check.
- Parents are encouraged to supplement school swimming lessons with extra practise or private lessons, for example VicSwim.

### **EVALUATION**

This policy will be reviewed in one year.