

### SWIMMING POLICY

#### **1. Rationale:**

1.1 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.

#### **2. Aims:**

2.1 To develop confident and competent swimmers who display the skills, knowledge and confidence required to enjoy swimming and other aquatic activities in safety.

#### **3. Implementation:**

3.1 Students from Prep to Year 4 will be involved in an annual intensive swimming program that will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools, and will comply with DET requirements at all times. Students from Years 5 and 6 will be involved in a five day Beach Program provided at a Life Saving Club organised through Bayside Aquatics.

3.2 Program should include a sequence involving:

- swimming
- water safety
- survival techniques
- rescue and emergency procedures

3.3 Supervising teachers and/or swimming instructors will meet all DET requirements and guidelines.

<http://www.education.vic.gov.au/school/principals/spag/curriculum/Pages/swimming.aspx>

3.4 The principal will ensure that relevant requirements are met for:

- Supervision levels
- Staff and instructor qualifications
- Other health, emergency and safety precautions

3.5 An emergency drill will be explained at the venue at the start of the program.

3.6 Parents must provide a completed and signed swimming permission and confidential medical form for their child to participate in the programs. 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.

3.7 Students who fail to comply with safety and or behavioural expectations, and after consultation with the principal and the swim school coordinator, may be excluded from remaining lessons.

3.8 Costs associated with swimming programs must be paid by parents prior to the commencement of the program. Appropriate provision will be made for parents experiencing financial difficulty.

3.9 Parents must be given at least one term's notice about the costs associated with the program and payment options offered to accommodate families with different circumstances.

3.10 Students not participating in the program will remain at school under supervision with tasks provided by their classroom teacher.

**4. Evaluation:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle. Ratified by School Council on 18<sup>th</sup> July 2016.