

# SWIMMING

## NARANGA SCHOOL 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 in safety.

### **Implementation:**

- The school's swimming program will be organised and coordinated by the Physical Education staff who will be in attendance at all times, will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools, and will comply with DEECD requirements at all times.
- Class teachers will be in attendance at all times, one being a qualified teacher employed by either the school council or DEECD who has overall responsibility for the program. At least one staff member will have current CPR qualifications.
- Minimum overall DEECD staff: student ratios will be followed at all times.
- All teaching staff involved in swimming programs will be encouraged to be AUSTSWIM qualified.
- An emergency drill will be explained and practiced at the start of the program, and throughout the program. All staff will be allocated an emergency whistle, and will be dressed appropriately.
- Parents must provide a completed and signed swimming permission form for their child to participate in the program; staff associated with the swimming program will be made familiar with the medical histories of students in respect to epilepsy, diabetes, asthma and heart conditions, and appropriate measures are to be taken. Students with ear infections, throat infections, colds, papilloma's and other contagious infections will not be permitted to enter the water until they have recovered.

### **Evaluation:**

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

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

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