RATIONALE
Swimming is an integral part of the Physical Education program providing opportunities for intensive swimming practice, safety and survival skills 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 annual swimming program will be organised by a teacher whose designated role is to coordinate swimming program across the school. They will only involve the use of municipal and commercial swimming pools, which provide qualified swimming instructors and will comply with DEECD requirements at all times.
- A minimum of 2 school staff members will be in attendance at all times. However the ratio for staff to swimmers will be made up from the instructors at the swimming facility.
- Minimum overall DEECD 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 a current recognised swimming program.
- The program will consist of 30-45 minute lessons each day for 10 days
- Programs should include a sequence involving:
  - swimming
  - water safety
  - survival techniques
  - rescue and emergency procedures.
- All staff in attendance must be aware of the emergency procedures at the pool.
- 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 suffering from contagious infections are not permitted to enter swimming pools until they have recovered, e.g. ear and throat infections, colds, papilloma’s.
- 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.
- The swimming program will be offered to the students in Years Prep to 4 providing it is cost effective. An expression of interest will be sent out before the program to astatine approximate numbers.
- No refunds for days missed will be provided

EVALUATION
This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three-year review cycle.

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