



Blackheath Public School

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Dear Parents/Caregivers,

The Department of Education School Swimming Scheme is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Scheme is conducted over ten days. Each daily lesson is 45 minutes.

Students who have not reached a satisfactory standard of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25m confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The Scheme focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs such as new arrivals in Australia and students with disabilities.

Instruction will take place at Katoomba Aquatic Centre.

The Scheme will continue daily for two weeks from Monday the 11th of November to Friday the 22nd of November. There will be no charge for instruction, however, you will need to pay for transport by bus and pool entry, which involves a sum of \$7 per day. The total cost of 10 days is \$70. The children will leave school at 12:30am and return by 2:30pm. **Payment of the \$70 must be received by Monday 4th November to secure your child's place in the scheme.** Please note spaces are limited so send in your note and money as soon as possible.

Please be advised we adopt a cost recovery model for excursions. We are required to pay service providers even if your child(ren) is unable to attend on the day and regrettably, we cannot provide a credit or refund.

In keeping with our Student Welfare Policy, only students whose behaviour has been appropriate will be permitted to attend. If your child has had more than one Behaviour Conference this term or a Blue or Yellow card, their attendance on the excursion will be in doubt. An interview with Mrs Davies may be necessary to discuss the attendance of your child. Should your child's attendance be in doubt, you will be contacted in the near future.

Each child should bring their swimming costume, a towel, a shirt, a hat and warm clothing on a cool day. Lessons will be in the outside pool so an SPF 30+ broad spectrum, water-resistant sunscreen is recommended. A T-shirt or rash shirt is also recommended to wear in the pool during lesson. There will be more detailed information given closer to the date.

Principal: Jane Davies

School Swimming Scheme Organisers: Erin Reeves and Kate Blackwell



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Child's name; _____

Child's class: _____

Child's level of swimming ability

Please return this section to Mrs Reeves or Ms Blackwell by: Monday 4th November.

SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME CONSENT FORM

I consent to the attendance of my son/daughter _____ at the School Swimming Scheme classes to be held at Katoomba Aquatic Centre from Monday the 11th of November to Friday the 22nd of November. Travel will be by bus. Total transport cost for the 10-day program is \$70.

In the event of injury or illness, I also authorize (on my behalf) the seeking of such medical assistance that my child may require. Special needs of my child of which you should be aware (eg. allergies, sensory impairment etc.)

Signed: _____

Date: _____

Phone number on which I can be contacted;

I have paid \$70 online and my receipt number is _____.

Or I enclose \$70 cash.