



Blackheath Public School Swimming Carnival 2025 (13/02/2025 to 20/02/2025)

Dear Parents/Carers,

Our school values school sport carnivals and the role it can play in supporting the wellbeing of students their connection to school. The annual school swimming carnival is a school event, and all Stage 2 & 3 students are expected to attend the carnival. Students in Stage 1 who wish to attend must fulfil the following criteria

- * turn 8 in 2025 and
- * can swim 50m in one stroke without stopping and
- * compete in race/s.

A program of competitive races is available on the day. All children will have the opportunity to participate in novelty events and these will take place in the shallow pool. Please note there is no time allocated for a general swim.

This permission note is applicable for both the scheduled and backup days of the swimming carnival. If for any reason, the school swimming carnival is postponed on the scheduled and/or backup days, the school will communicate this through Compass.

Parental assistance is required. If you could spare a few hours, your help would be greatly appreciated. In keeping with the DoE Excursion Policy, all parents assisting will need to have completed the Working With Children Check. If you are able to help and have not completed the paperwork, please contact the school office. Please complete the relevant section on the permission note to indicate if you are able to assist.

The cost for this excursion is stated below. If your child has access to a Katoomba Aquatic Centre pool pass, please pay for the transport component at the school office.

Please note that all students will be dismissed from school at the usual finishing time of 2:55PM

WHAT TO BRING: Students will need to bring their recess and lunch as well as at least 2 drinks. Water is highly recommended. No cans or glass please. Children will not be able to access the pool kiosk.

WHAT NOT TO BRING: Please do not allow your child to bring electronic games or mobile phones. Chewing gum, jewellery and lollies should not be brought to the carnival.

SWIMMING DECLARATION: In accordance with DoE policy and to assist with planning, please complete the attached swimming declaration that best describes your child's swimming ability.

Date/Time	Session Name	Venue
Thursday, 13 February 2025 (8:55 AM to 2:55 PM)	Swimming Carnival	Katoomba Aquatic Centre
Thursday, 20 February 2025 (8:55 AM to 2:55 PM)	Backup Swimming Carnival	Katoomba Aquatic Centre

Dress Code: Children should wear their swimsuits underneath their sports uniform (house colours). Please ensure that your child has a hat, sunscreen, swimmers, two towels and a sun-safe shirt (no singlet top).

Transport: Bus

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Cost: \$18.50, due by Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Paid: \$0.00

Required, due by Wednesday, 12 February 2025

Consent/Payment can be provided online through your school's parent portal (<https://blackheath-p-nsw.compass.education>), or alternatively by returning the form below to the school office.

Please complete the Medical Details or Emergency Contact Numbers section only if they differ from details already held by the school in Compass.

if you are experiencing financial difficulty, assistance may be available through the Student Assistance Funds. Please contact Mrs Hardge if you need to discuss this. Be assured that these matters are treated with confidentiality.

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

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Consent/payment form for Compass Support (JDLF)



- I give permission for my child Compass Support to attend the school event listed above.
- I understand that this is an official school event and that Compass Support will adhere to the dress code, as outlined above, and behave in alignment with the school's code of conduct.
- I acknowledge that this event/activity is required to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

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Concussion Clearance

The Australian Medical Association recommends students being symptom free of concussion for 21 days before returning to sport.

- If your child/ward sustains a concussion, or experiences any concussion symptoms, in the 21 days period prior to the event commencing, you must report this to team officials, and a medical clearance is required in order for your child/ward to participate in the event.
- Medical clearances can be attached to this consent form or can be submitted to team officials separately.

Important information

In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. The Department's public liability cover is fault-based and limited to breaches by the Department of its duty of care to students that may result in claims for compensation.

Parents/Carers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child/ward's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport Associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover is required prior to their child/ward's involvement in the program. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail outlets.

Parents/Carers who have private ambulance cover need to check whether that cover extends to interstate travel and make additional arrangements, as considered appropriate.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the loss of use of certain prescribed parts of the body. The Supplementary Scheme does not cover medical costs or dental costs. Further information can be obtained from <https://www.icare.nsw.gov.au/injured-or-ill-people/sporting-injuries/payments/#gref>. Further information regarding student accident insurance and private health cover is provided at: <https://app.education.nsw.gov.au/sport/file/1449>.

Parent A Phone Number _____ Parent B Phone Number _____ Guardian Phone Number _____

Due 12/02/2025



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Additional Questions

Is your child permitted to swim (please choose response): (Required)

Please select all that apply -

- No - As a non-swimmer, I am aware that my child will not enter the water.
- Yes - I don't know how well my child swims. I understand this may limit their opportunities to participate in the carnival.
- Yes - A weak swimmer My child can swim/paddle but only in shallow water where they can stand. I understand this is may limit their opportunities to participate in the carnival.
- Yes - An average swimmer. My child can swim 25 metres without stopping and is confident in deep water where they cannot stand.
- Yes - A strong swimmer. My child can comfortably swim 50 meters in deep water in one stroke without stopping.

If you are able to assist on the day, please enter your name and contact number.

If your child is travelling to the venue with another parent/guardian, please list their full name and contact number.

If your child is travelling from the venue with another parent/guardian, please list their full name and contact number.