SWIMMING

VALUES: Trust, Learning, Commitment, Confidence, Enjoyment.

RATIONALE: The Swimming Programme is necessary due to the local area (creeks, rivers, ocean) and the safety of children learning to swim is important. Attendance is a curriculum requirement of the HPE program at St. Clare’s.

GUIDELINES: Children will be able to develop and enhance their water skills in a fully supervised Swimming Programme.

Supervision of students will be based on the assessed risk of an activity.

Suggested Swimming Supervision Ratios:
- Prep 1:5
- For beginners, with little or no swimming experience 1:10
- For intermediate swimmers, who have basic skills and can swim 25m 1:12
- Advance learn to swim, students who can swim 50m 1:15

For students with special needs, the ratio will vary but may be as high as 1:1 based on risk assessment of student need and ability.

Swimming lessons will not be conducted if appropriate supervision is not provided.
Exemption from swimming will require written parental notification.
Children not participating in swimming will stay at school.
Children will abide by the regulations of the Tully Swimming Pool and school based policies (eg. Conduct, Communicable Diseases)
Parents will be advised of entry costs to the pool prior to lesson commencement.
Students will be required to wear appropriate swimwear in accordance with the Sunsmart Policy.

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