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## SCHOOL SWIMMING SCHEME

Dear Parents and Caregivers,

A learn-to-swim program has been included in our school curriculum. 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 program will be conducted over 5 days with two 45-minute lessons, from Monday, 16<sup>th</sup> September 2024 – Friday, 20<sup>th</sup> September, 2024 (Term 3 Week 9).

**Students who have not reached a satisfactory level of water safety and survival skills, and are unable to swim 25 metres confidently unaided in deep water, are eligible to participate in the School Swimming Scheme. The scheme focuses on less capable swimmers in Years 2, 3 and 4.**

The instruction will take place at Gordon Fetterplace Aquatic Centre (Bradbury Pools) for 5 consecutive school days. The bus will leave at 8:30am. Students should return to school at approximately 11:30am.

The total cost for the 5 day program is \$60 (including pool entry and bus fare). Payment must be made in full by Monday 2nd of September (Term 3, Week 7).

Each child should be wearing their school uniform with a towel in their school bag. Students should wear their swimmers to school under their uniform **but they must bring underwear** to change into after the lesson. All items brought to the pool should be labelled clearly with the student's name and placed into a bag also labelled with the student's name. **Students with long hair must wear their hair tied back.** Students will be regularly assessed during the program for swimming technique and water safety skills without needing to wear swimming goggles. However, students may bring goggles to lessons if they wish.

If you want your child to participate in Swimming Scheme, please sign and complete the permission note attached and return it by Monday 2nd of September 2024. **Spots are limited with only a total of 60 places available for Year 2, 3 and 4. Preference will be given to the first 60 students returning their notes and money.**

Kind Regards,

Miss Bligh and Miss Furner (Swimming School Co-ordinators)