

MITTAGONG PUBLIC SCHOOL



17th October 2018

SCHOOL SWIMMING and WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

Message to Parents / Caregivers,

Arrangements have been made to include a learn to swim program in our school curriculum. The Department of Education School Swimming and Water Safety Program is an intensive learn to swim program, which develops water confidence and provides students with basic skills in water safety and survival. The Program is conducted over nine 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 and Water Safety Program. The Program focuses on weak swimmers in Year 2 to 6 as well as students with special needs, such as new arrivals in Australia. **Given the high risk nature of this activity, students who do not display appropriate behaviour will not be permitted to continue with the program.**

Instruction will take place at **Mittagong Public Pool**. If Mittagong Pool is not opened it will take place at **Bowral Public Pool**.

The Program will run in

Week 8: Monday 3rd December – Thursday 6th December 2018 (Friday 7th is MPS Presentation Day)

Week 9: Monday 10th December – 14th December 2018

The total cost for the **9 day scheme is \$42.00**. This includes bus travel between the school and pool and pool entry for the 9 days. Alternatively, it will be \$21.00 (bus travel only) for season pass holders. (Please fill out season pass number on the slip below). Please note there will be no refunds for days missed. **No late notes or payments will be accepted. If you require financial assistance for your child to attend, please contact Mr Mansfield.**

All students should wear their swimmers under their school uniform to allow all lessons to begin promptly. Students must also bring a **change of underwear**, a towel, a hat and warm clothing on a cool day. **Please ensure all items of clothing are clearly labeled.** Students will be assessed during the School Swimming and Water Safety Program for all water safety skills without wearing goggles. If your child is eligible for the Program, please complete and sign the form below and return it to your child's class teacher.

All MPS staff have Emergency Care and CPR training.

Mrs Smiltnieks
School Swimming Coordinator

Mr Mansfield
Principal

----- Please detach note and return to Mrs Smiltnieks by **Friday, 16th November 2018** -----

I do/do not consent to my child _____ in class _____ to participate in the School Swimming and Water Safety Program classes to be held at **Mittagong/Bowral Public Pool travel will be by bus from 3/12/18-14/12/18**. I give/do not give permission for my child to receive medical treatment in case of emergency.

My son/daughter has the following special needs or medications _____

Emergency contact number on the day of excursion _____

Please find the enclosed the amount of:

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\$42.00 (Bus and pool entry)

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\$21.00 and Pool Season Pass Number _____

[] cash [] cheque [] POP (Parent Online Payment) via school website receipt no.: _____

[] \$ _____ credit note

Signature of Parent/Carer

Date