



St Joseph's Swimming Carnival Information - 2026

for all Year 2, Stage 2 and Stage 3 students

Dear Parents & Carers,

We are excited about our school swimming carnival being held on:

When: Thursday 5th February 2026

Time: 9am - 2pm

Where: Tenterfield Memorial Baths

Cost: No cost thanks to a Donation from Tenterfield Aquatic Centre. We do need to know your Season Ticket number if you do have one. Spectators: Free

What to pack: water bottles, sunscreen, towel, hat (ensure every item has your child's name on it)

What to wear:

- Students can wear either their full school sports uniform OR clothes of their House Colour (Penola = RED, Mackillop = BLUE) Ensure EVERY item has your child's name on it
- Students should wear their swimmers to school under their clothing, and bring dry clothes to change into at the end of the day
- **Every student must wear a rash shirt or a t-shirt when not participating in competitive events.**

Organisation:

- At 9:15 am all of Stage 3, Stage 2 and Year 2 will begin boarding the buses to the pool
- We will begin our swimming carnival at approximately 9:45 am with the house chants, followed by 33m races and then relays
- The lane ropes will be removed for the across the pool events
- At 2:15pm the buses will begin doing trips to return students to school - *if you wish to take your child/ren home from the pool you may do so, please ensure they are signed out by their class teacher*

Please read through the following information and complete nomination forms if your child is a **COMPETITIVE SWIMMER** and send them back to school **as soon as possible**.

Please note - if your child's form is **not** received by **Friday 30th January 2026**, they will be considered a **NON COMPETITIVE SWIMMER** and will only swim in the afternoon for novelty events.

Canteen:

Students are welcome to visit the pool canteen during break times. They can purchase lunch from the pool canteen or pack their recess, lunch and any snacks with them to the pool from school. Please note there is **NO SCHOOL CANTEEN THIS DAY**. The school will be running a BBQ for sausage sandwiches. Please indicate if you would like to order a sausage.

Spectators:

We welcome spectators to come along and support our swimmers. Spectators have been assigned a designated spectator zone. We would love you to join us for the day or part of the day if you can.

Please ensure your child has enough water and food to get through the day, plenty of sun protection, school spirit and energy!

Thank you for your support and we look forward to an exciting carnival!

Jared Flower



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- **Competitive Swimmer:** A student who is 8 years of age (or is turning 8 in 2026) who can competently and confidently swim a whole length or multiple lengths of the pool
 - Competitive swimmers will be competing in formal carnival events
 - Competitive swimmers will gain points for their house for participation and places in each event
 - An indication of a competitive swimmer would be those that attend swimming club or train regularly
- **Non competitive swimmer:** A student who is under 8 years of age in 2026, or a student who is over 8 years of age who is **not** capable of or confident enough to swim a full length of the pool. Non competitive swimmers can confidently swim across the large pool, in the shallow end.
 - Non competitive swimmers will participate in novelty or modified events, in the **shallow** end of the large pool, earning points for their house for participation
- **Non swimmer:** A student who can not swim in the large pool and must only swim and play in the small, shallow pool.
 - Non swimmers will participate in novelty games in the small pool. These students will be identifiable by pool staff with a fluoro wristband.

In the case of inclement weather, only competitive swimmers will attend the pool on this day for formal events and other students will attend at a later date.

We will require some assistance on the day from volunteers for running the BBQ. Please indicate if you are able to help.



Swimming Ability & Event Nomination Form - St Joseph's Swimming Carnival 2026

I give permission for my child to travel by bus to the Tenterfield Memorial Baths to participate in the St Joseph's Tenterfield Swimming Carnival on Thursday 5th February 2026.

Student name: _____

Age in 2026: _____

Date of Birth: _____

- ☐ My child is a **NON SWIMMER**
- ☐ My child is a **NON COMPETITIVE SWIMMER** who can participate in modified novelty events in the shallow end of the large pool
- ☐ My child is a **COMPETITIVE SWIMMER**:

Please nominate by ticking the events your child will participate in at the school swimming carnival as a **COMPETITIVE SWIMMER**:

STROKE	LENGTH 33 metres (one lap)	LENGTH 100m (3 laps)	LENGTH 132m (4 laps)
Freestyle			
Breaststroke			
Backstroke			
Butterfly			
Medley			

Please note: at our carnival, we only run 100m for Freestyle.

Expression of interest to assist at the carnival:

- I am able to assist at the carnival with running the BBQ

Comments: _____

- Our Tenterfield Memorial Baths Season Ticket Number is: _____

BBQ Lunch: Please tick if you would like to order a free sausage sandwich for you child ☐

NAME _____ SIGNED: _____ DATE: _____