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SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2026

Dear Parents and Carers,

The Annual School Swimming Carnival for Years 3-6 plus any advanced Year 2 swimmers will be held on Thursday 5th November 2026 at Engadine Swimming Pool. The carnival is a fun, school event but also acts as a trial for the Conference 3 Swimming event which will be held on Monday 8th February 2027.

This year we have placed the Kindergarten, Year 1 and Year 2 students "splash" water activities day on a separate day to the 3-6 swimming carnival to avoid any parent spectators racing between the two events. The information for this day will be shared in due course.

Please note that the eligibility for competing year 1 and 2 students at our school carnival is that students must be born in 2017, 2018 or 2019 and have an advanced skill set in swimming with ongoing, regular swimming lessons. These students will have the opportunity to compete at this event in the competitive timed events only. Year 1 and 2 advanced swimmers must be able to swim 50m in the correct stroke without any assistance. If your child meets this criteria please fill out the nomination form below.

Students are required to be at school by **8:15am**. Buses will commence departure at 8:30am. All students will travel to the pool via bus with their grade unless students are entering the 100m or IM timed events. The earlier arrival time for 100m and IM students will be communicated to families once forms are analysed. Students travelling back to school by bus will return by 2:45pm. If you plan to pick up your child directly from the pool under your supervision please state this in the questions on the COMPASS event. This will provide an indication of how many buses the school will need to book to return students to school.

Engadine Leisure Centre **doesn't allow schools to occupy the novelty pool**, therefore our program will cater for all swimming abilities in the **Olympic pool** only. We will be conducting **timed competitive events** and **novelty events**. Official ribbons will be distributed for every event except the kickboard race. Students who choose not to swim will enjoy the poolside music and dance challenges hosted by the fabulous Miss Norris.

Competitive timed events are for swimmers with a **high level of skill** who want to be considered to represent the school at the Conference 3 Trial. Only qualifying students based on these events will be selected to represent our school at the Conference 3 swimming trial next year. **All heats are timed and run as finals**, therefore if you would like to be considered for the junior or senior relay team at Conference 3, you must nominate your child for the 50m Freestyle timed event in their age group. Our fastest 4 swimmers will form the team.

Novelty events are for students who **do not** wish to be considered for selection but would like to race against swimmers in their grade. These novelty events will NOT be timed and will be offered in

50m, 25m and a short distance kickboard race. The kick board race is for beginner swimmers and will start from the shallow end. We will have volunteer year 6 students to assist any students not confident.

Year 6 students will ONLY compete in the novelty grade events as they will not be here for the Conference 3 event. Year 6 students may bring a pool noodle for the Year 6 fun swim.

Keep in mind, students can **STRICTLY only compete in one event for each stroke.** For example, they can swim **either** in the 50m Freestyle (competitive timed), 50m Freestyle (novelty), 25m Freestyle (novelty) **or** short kick board race. Students **can** compete in a timed event and then a grade event for a **different stroke but not the same stroke** for example: 50m Freestyle (competitive timed) and 50m Backstroke (novelty). Therefore all students will have 4 opportunities to enter the water with the exception of advanced swimmers entering more races with the Individual Medley and/or 100m Freestyle as explained on the nomination form.

Please complete this [**NOMINATION FORM**](#) by **Fri 25th Sep 2026** if you would like to nominate your child for a competitive timed event. No form is to be completed for novelty events as students will be notified on the microphone when it is their grades turn to participate on the day.

Requirements for all swimmers-

- wear swimming costume and rash shirt if desired
- coloured clothes to represent house colour
- bring recess, lunch and plenty of water
- wear school hat or hat in your team colour
- wear and bring lots of sunscreen
- bring towel and goggles, cap if needed
- no coloured zinc or streamers allowed (pool rule)
- thongs or slides to wear at the pool
- pool noodle (year 6 only)

There is a canteen available for adults only to purchase food or drinks. The canteen is CASHLESS. **No children will be allowed access to the canteen.**

If you are able to assist in the running of our carnival, please mention this in the questions asked through the COMPASS event. You require a WWCC number and must have it verified by Sydney Catholic Schools. You also need to ensure you have completed our school's parent induction zooms this year.

Thank you for your continued support of sport and physical education at St. Patrick's throughout 2026.

Mrs Amanda Col and Miss Chloe Devlin

Sport Team at St Patricks