



2025 WPS Swimming Program

Frequently Asked Questions for Families

Years 3 - 6

Which classes will be attending?

Swimming lessons will be offered to Whittlesea Primary School students in Years 3-6.

- Years 3-6 Students will attend 8 sessions
(Week 8) Monday 24th Nov, Tuesday 25th Nov, Thursday 27th Nov and Friday 28th Nov.
(Week 9) Monday 1st Dec, Wednesday 3rd Dec, Thursday 4th Dec and Friday 5th Dec.
- Specific times communicated via Compass

Are swimming lessons compulsory?

Whilst we encourage participation, student involvement is based on parent choice and consent. Only students who consent will participate in the Swimming program.

Is there a cost involved for lessons?

The Department of Education provides some funds, however there is still a small cost of \$24.00 to cover program implementation.

What if my child does not attend lessons?

Students who do not have consent from their family will not participate in the program and will continue with learning sessions at school with teachers.

Where are lessons going to take place?

Lessons will take place at Whittlesea Swim Centre located in Walnut Street, Whittlesea.

What will the lessons look like?

Each lesson duration will be 30 minutes. Whittlesea Swim Centre will aim for a ratio of 8 students per group, with up to 4-5 groups in the water per lesson time.

What happens if my child misses a lesson?

Unfortunately, due to the timeline of our swimming program students will not do make-up lessons if a lesson/s is missed.

What should my child wear for swimming?

Students are encouraged to wear one-piece swimwear or bathers. Since the lessons are conducted outdoors, students are encouraged to wear a Sun-Smart top/rash vest. Swimming goggles may be worn. Swim caps may also be worn and recommended if your child has long hair that may time to dry throughout the day.

When and where are students getting changed?

It is suggested that students wear their swimwear to school (under their school uniform). Time will be allocated for the students to get ready for their swimming lesson upon arrival at the pool. After the student's swim lesson there will be time for the students to get dried/dressed in the Whittlesea Swim Centre male and female change rooms. A plastic bag should be packed for wet bathers/towel to be placed into. If wearing swimwear to start the day, then please pack underwear for students to get changed into for their return to school.

How will the students get there?

We will be walking to and from the Whittlesea Swim Centre. This will be fully supervised by teachers and support staff. We will attempt to walk to all lessons, regardless of the weather. At all times, student safety will be considered and evaluated.

Who will be conducting the lessons?

Whittlesea Swim Centre will be providing qualified swim teachers to conduct the lessons. During the lesson, Whittlesea Primary School teachers will also be present to assist with supervising students and providing support to the Swim teachers with student engagement and behaviours (as required).

How do you consider the varied swimming abilities of students?

Whittlesea Swim Centre will assess students during the first lesson to place them into appropriate groups. Slight changes may be made throughout the lessons.

Can parents/families watch the lessons?

Parents/Families are welcome to come along and watch the lessons. Parents cannot get into the water or support with teaching the lesson.

Can parents/families support changing their child prior to /after the lessons?

Parents/family members will be able to access a private/family change room to support with changing/drying their own child only. Parents/family members cannot change or dry other family members (e.g. nephew), family friends, or neighbours. No parents/family members will be able to enter either the male or female changerooms under any circumstances.

Can Parents or the school take photos of the lessons?

As per Whittlesea Swim Centre guidelines and Child Safe requirements, photos are NOT permitted.

What are the First Aid arrangements?

All first aid requirements will be addressed for each lesson. Each staff member will take a First Aid bag, which will include the first aid details for all students who are participating in lessons. Any medicine requirements (such as for asthma &/or anaphylaxis etc.) will also be carried by the Whittlesea Primary School staff members. Whittlesea Swim Centre also has First Aid supplies available to use as/if required.

What would take place in the case of an emergency?

In the rare event of an emergency, whilst we are at the Jump Swim School venue, we would follow the guidance and direction of the Whittlesea Swim Centre Staff in line with the venue's Emergency Management Plan. As the Whittlesea Primary School teachers remain at Whittlesea Swim Centre throughout the lesson, they will also be there to support and guide the students.

If you have any further questions, then please do not hesitate to contact the school.

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