



Queensland Girls Primary Independent Schools Sport



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Dear Parents and Caregivers

### Re: Andrews Cup Swimming Monday 7 March 2022

Our swimmers are looking forward to our first Andrews Cup event for 2022, which is being held at the Sleeman Centre, at Chandler, on Monday 7 March. Coaches and the girls will be training hard to make this another great Andrews Cup event, despite the setbacks from the later start to the school year.

At our first Association meeting of the year, we discussed this event at some length in light of our responsibility towards the health and safety of all in attendance, students, staff, and spectators.

As always, our Association seeks to have maximum student participation and for this to occur, we are endeavouring to increase the size of the teams for each school, ensuring that we have reserves, if required, due to students being unable to participate at short notice.

Each year, we rotate our schools across the grandstand to ensure the best experience for each school. The manner in which our event is structured, in the 25m pool, means that as in 2021, girls will be seated on the Western Grandstand of the Pool and spectators will be situated on the Eastern Grandstand. Spectators do not require a ticket for this event, however, they do need to ensure that they are physically distanced at 1.5m where possible. Masks are no longer required at this venue as per the updated Government guidelines.

There is no requirement for adult spectators to be fully vaccinated. However, all school related staff and any helpers/volunteers must be fully vaccinated in line with Government mandates on school activities and events.

Please do not come into the venue, if you are experiencing any COVID like symptoms. Please seek medical advice immediately. The most common COVID symptoms include: **Fever, Cough, Sore throat, shortness of breath, runny nose, headache, fatigue, diarrhoea, vomiting or nausea, loss of smell and loss of taste.**

Please note that spectators' attendance at this event is subject to any changes mandated on us by the Government or the venue and we trust that you will understand if things change at short notice.

There are a few additional requirements that have been put in place for this event by the Association. These include:

- Each school will enact its own COVID Plan and procedures for their team, prior to arrival at the Sleeman Centre and again upon leaving the venue.
- Additional spacing of students in the marshalling area.
- The Sleeman Centre's own COVID Plan and procedures will be enacted during the event.
- If your child has had COVID, and they have since recovered and returned to school, they can participate as normal.
- Any child presenting with symptoms during the meet, will be immediately isolated and supervised by a staff member from the child's school until collected.
- If contacted by school staff, parents must be able to attend the carnival at short notice, if their child experiences any COVID like symptoms during the day. If this isn't possible, they must have a family member/or other responsible adult available to do this if required. Your child may not be permitted to return to the school with the team on the bus.

The café will be open for spectators during the event. Parents are reminded that food and drinks purchased from outside the venue, are not to be brought into the Sleeman Centre. Food must not be purchased for your children. They are permitted to bring their own lunch into the venue.

The health and safety of all our competitors and staff is always the priority in our decision making. We are following all of the requirements and guidelines of the COVID Safe Plan for the Swimming Pool and Aquatic Centre Industry, the Sleeman Centre and Queensland Health.

We trust that you will understand the decisions that we have made to ensure the health and welfare of everyone, and we look forward to having you join us at our events during the year.

Kind regards



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