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St Leonard's Primary School Swimming Policy

Rationale:

- Swimming is an integral and essential part of the physical education program. Becoming a confident and competent swimmer is essential to student safety to ensure that water-based activities are enjoyable, rewarding and safe. Every student at St. Leonard's has an equal opportunity to participate in quality swimming and water safety instruction to promote and foster enjoyment of the water environment.

Aims:

We aim to ensure that students:

- develop an understanding of water safety, survival and swimming practices.
- are provided with a broad variety of experiences within the context of the venue in order to meet individual needs and difference.
- develop a sound and broad knowledge of basic stroke techniques and water safety skills.

Implementation:

- The school's annual swimming program will be organised and coordinated by the Principal or Deputy Principal
- The program is outsourced to the Monash Aquatic Centre who is responsible for the health and safety of the students and for meeting all regulatory requirements. The program aims to meet the needs of all children from beginners through to advanced swimmers.
- Swimming is part of our Health and Physical Education Program and is a compulsory part of our Curriculum for students in Years P-2 (unless exempted for medical reasons) and is offered as an option to students in Years 3-6 (students not participating will remain at school and be supervised).
- The program will consist of 8 consecutive 40 minute lessons over a two week period throughout 4th term.
- Students will walk to and from the Monash Aquatic Centre. The pupil – adult ratio will be 1 to 10. In the event of inclement weather the school may decide to hire a bus to transport the students.
- Parents must provide a completed and signed swimming permission form for their child to participate in the program.
- Teachers are to be aware of the medical histories of students in their care and take appropriate medication (applicable to the students, eg. epipens) to and from the pool. This medication needs to be signed out by the teacher from sick bay and signed in upon return.
- Students with ear infections, throat infections, colds, papillomas and other contagious infections will not be permitted to enter the water until they have recovered.
- Teachers will inform parent helpers of correct protocol in the change rooms (eg. separate male and female change rooms, respect of middle/senior students privacy)
- Costs associated with swimming programs must be paid by parents prior to the commencement of the program. Parents experiencing financial difficulty should contact the Principal

Evaluation:

- This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was reviewed in 2014.

It will be reviewed again in 2017