

2023 Interm Swimming program – School Preferences

The Department of Education is again conducting a comprehensive swimming and water safety program in 2023 and is pleased to offer schools the opportunity to include Interm swimming lessons in their Health and Physical Education program.

Interm Swimming is a school-based swimming program for children from Pre-primary to Year 7. It provides high quality swimming lessons to ensure your students develop vital swimming and water safety skills.

The Department meets the cost of Interm swimming lessons for all primary students in public schools, and for primary students in remote and rural non-government schools. The program is also available to primary students in metropolitan non-government schools on a user pays basis.

Schools are required to submit a minimum of two date preferences **per term** for all four terms.

- This includes schools that prefer lessons at a beach venue in Term 1 or 4, submitting Term 2 and 3 preferences for their local indoor swimming pool.
- This does not include schools in locations where venues are only accessible for part of the year. Identified schools will need to nominate two dates per relevant term.
Note: To enable us to facilitate this change through WAIVS, schools in these locations have these been classified as a “Country school”

Please note

- in a program of this size and complexity constraints including available pool space, mandatory industrial and occupational health and safety compliance (that determine the size of classes and number of lessons offered each day) could impinge on a school’s preferences.

When selecting and submitting your preferences school coordinators are requested to consider the following information:

Lesson times and venues:

- Every Pre-primary to Year 7 student is entitled to ten consecutive 40 minute lessons per year.
- Lessons for younger students are more effective if conducted at a heated pool.
- Beach venues are recommended for year 5 and 6 students.
- Upper primary school students are best catered for at venues where there is deep water.
- Stages 1 to 15 are offered at pool venues.
- Stages 1 to 14 are offered at surf venues.
- Lessons may be taken at different venues and in different terms for individual year groups, e.g.
 - Pre-primary – Year 3 10 lessons at an indoor venue
 - Year 4 – 7 10 lessons at an indoor or outdoor venue
 - Year 5 – 7 10 lessons at a surf venue

Consider the dates and times available at your preferred venue/s by referring to Venues operating in 2023

Indicate an **accurate projected estimate** of the total number of students who will attend lessons in 2023. We use this information to allocate your lessons to optimize available pool space and swimming staff.

Assist us to accommodate your school needs by including relevant information in the **Preference Note** section e.g.

- early close day and time
- school development days
- request for support and adjustments required to assist students with special needs to participate in lessons

Please note: If additional assistance is required in the classroom, it should be expected the same support will be required in the aquatic environment.

Contact your preferred venue/s for information regarding pool entry fees, use of change rooms and bus access.

Please note:

Secondary schools

- Year 7 bookings can be accommodated with either ten 40 minute lessons across a fortnight or a five 80 minute lessons across a week.
- Students are best catered for at venue where there is deep water.

Metropolitan non-government schools invoicing

- The ex-GST cost per teacher per lesson is outlined in the [Conditions and Invoicing Rates](#).
- The total cost will include instructor and supervisor wages and on-costs for corporate services of 11.85%. GST will be added at the time of invoicing.

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- Any necessary adjustments made outside of a school's preferences will be discussed with the school before an allocation is made.

SUBMITTING PREFERENCES

Your school must have a current registered school coordinator in WAIVS to be able to submit your 2023 school preferences.

- *If you need to update your school coordinator details, please contact us as soon as possible by telephoning 9402 6394*

Please refer to "[How to submit school preferences](#)" to assist you submit your preferences.

Online submission dates

Opening date: 11:00am on Monday 30 May 2022

Closing date: 12:00pm on Friday 17 June 2022

Please email any questions or queries you may have to interm-metro@education.wa.edu.au or call Ms Janelle Williams, Program Coordinator on 9402 6394.

Thank you for your school's involvement in the Intern Swimming program