2020 Metropolitan Interm Swimming program – School Preferences

The Department of Education is again conducting a comprehensive swimming and water safety program in 2020 and is pleased to offer schools the opportunity to include Interm Swimming lessons in their Health and Physical Education programs. The Interm Swimming program provides high quality swimming classes to ensure your students develop vital swimming and water safety skills.

School coordinators are requested to:

Consider the following when requesting 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. Swimming and Water Safety recommend that Pre-primary to year 4 students do not attend lessons at beach venues.
- 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 schools preferred venue/s by referring to Venues operating in 2020.

Indicate an accurate projected estimate of the number of students who will attend lessons. (When your school is timetabled for swimming lessons, swimming instructors and pool space are allocated according to this number).

Assist us accommodate your school’s 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.

List at least two preferences.

**SUBMITTING PREFERENCES**

**Prior to 4:30pm on Friday 10 May, 2019**
Refer to “How to submit school preferences”.

**After 4:30pm on Friday 10 May, 2019**

**Late preferences**
- can only be submitted by contacting SWS
- will be considered after those submitted by 4:30pm 10 May, 2019 are timetabled.

Confirm pool entry fees by contacting the venue.
Please note:

**Metropolitan secondary schools**

- Year 7 bookings can be accommodated with either ten x 40 minute lessons over a fortnight or a 5 x 80 minute lessons over 5 days.
- Students are best catered for at venue where there is deep water.

**Non-Government schools**

Are invited to join the program on a user pays basis

- 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.

**School Preferences**

- School Preferences for each venue are collated and every effort is made to accommodate your school’s preferences.
- 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 first preference.
- Any necessary adjustments made to school preferences will be discussed with the school before a booking is confirmed.

**2020 School Preferences must be submitted in WAIVS by no later than 4:30pm on Friday 10 May, 2019.**

- You must have a current registered school coordinator to be able to submit your 2020 School Preferences.
- If you need to update your school coordinator details please contact SWS as soon as possible by telephoning 9402 6195.

School coordinators will be invited by email in Term 3, 2019 to log into WAIVS to view their schools 2020 Interm swimming allocation.

Thank you for your school’s involvement in the Interm Swimming program.