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**DANDENONG HIGH SCHOOL**

**SWIMMING POLICY**

**Preamble**

Swimming is an integral and essential part of the Physical Education program. Becoming a confident and competent swimmer is essential to student safety as well as increasing opportunities for both leisure and sporting pursuits.

**Purpose**

To develop confidence in and around the water. To increase skill, knowledge and competence required to enjoy swimming and other aquatic activities in safety.

**Implementation Steps**

* The school’s swimming program will be organised and coordinated by the Physical Education Department in conjunction with a suitable local Swimming Academy. Physical Education staff will be in attendance at all times along with appropriately qualified swimming staff. This will involve the use of a commercial swimming pool
* A minimum of **two** qualified teaching staff will be present at all times to supervise students under the instruction of qualified swimming teachers. Where possible one staff member will have CPR qualifications in addition to the two lifeguards from the swimming pool.
* All swimming instructors will be AUSTSWIM qualified
* Students will progress through 3 groups:

Beginners: little or no experience

Intermediate: basic skills

Advanced: can swim 50m using two recognisable strokes

* The program will consist of 50-55 minutes lessons for a total of 4/5 lessons
* Single sex classes will be in operation
* Parents must provide a completed and signed swimming permission slip to their child to participate in the program
* Staff will be made familiar with the medical histories of students in respect to major illnesses
* Costs associated with the swimming program will be paid by parents prior to commencement of the program. Parents experiencing difficulty should contact the PE Coordinator and Year Level Coordinator/Welfare Coordinator

**Evaluation : This policy will be reviewed as part of the school’s three year review cycle**

**School Council Endorsement Date: 20th October 2015**