



2024 Year 3 & 4 Swimming Lessons - Cancelled

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Dear Parents/Carers,

The Queensland Department of Education has developed the Prep to Year 10 Water safety and swimming education program (WSSEP) to provide students with vital life skills and the knowledge, understanding, attitude and behaviours that support safe activity in, on and around diverse water locations.

In Term 3, students from Year 3 and Year 4 were to participate in 4 swimming lessons at The Swim Factory Spring Mountain to cover the water location (wet) learning — survival, swimming, and rescue knowledge and skills components of the WSSEP.

The due date for consent was extended three times to ensure we had enough take-up to make the program affordable for all families and capped at \$40. Unfortunately, we haven't been able to fill our minimum numbers to keep the costs low for our families.

We have now decided that this year, all students Prep to Year 6 will complete the classroom-based (dry) learning components of the WSSEP. Our students in Year 3 and 4 will complete the Head Out of Water program run by the Royal Life Saving Society Queensland. This will be conducted at school.

Next year, once we have developed our P&C and consulted about how best to support our families in affording the water location aspects, we will plan for a whole school approach to water safety education.

We will communicate all dates to you as we finalise these bookings. Thank you for your understanding.

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