

PARENT INFORMATION INTERM SWIMMING SERIES A

Tuesday 4th June – Friday 14th June, 2024
LA1.1 (PP), LA1.6 (PP), LA1.7 (PP), LA1.8 (1),
LA2.1 (1), LA2.3 (1), LA3.1 (2), LA3.2.1 (2),
LA6.4 (2/3), LA4.5 (3), LA4.2 (4)



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Dear parents and carers,

Please see below for further details and important information about our upcoming Interm Swimming Lessons. **Series A classes** commence on **Tuesday 4th June** at State Swim Canning Vale. The lessons take place each school day and conclude on **Friday 14th June**.

Why do we do Interm Swimming?

Water is part of our way of life, with thousands of kilometres of coastline and beaches, not to mention pools and of course the vast number of days of sunshine to enjoy it all. Swimming skills save lives, promote physical and mental health and wellbeing, and also are an enjoyable part of our school programs. We strongly encourage all eligible students to participate in the Interm Swimming Program.

Why are we Swimming at this time of the year?

Interm Swimming lessons are managed by the Department of Education for all Public, Catholic and Independent schools, across Western Australia, for Pre-primary up to Year 7. That's about 1000 schools to get through the program each year, and, of course, we all want to go to the pool at the same time! To ensure that programs can be offered for all children, the school has to submit availability for every school term of the year, and work with our allocations.

With that said, we are happy to have State Swim Canning Vale for Series A and Series B this year, as:

- The pool is indoors and heated, with the water temperature a pleasant 32 degrees;
- We have exclusive use of State Swim during our lessons for privacy and safety (no general public); and
- We have experience with the centre and the staff and integrate seamlessly to provide optimal support for our students.

While our lessons have been allocated during cooler months, students will only experience the ambient temperature in brief moments stepping from the bus into the centre, and stepping back on to the bus to return.

Series A timetable, daily, Tuesday 4th June – Friday 14th June 2024

Session	Rooms	Depart	Lesson Time	Return
1	LA1.6 (PP), LA2.1 (1), LA6.4 (2/3)	10.50am	11.15am – 11.55am	12.20pm
2	LA1.1 (PP), LA3.2.1 (2), LA4.5 (3)	11.35am	12.00pm – 12.40pm	1.05pm
3	LA1.7 (PP), LA2.3 (1), LA3.1 (2)	12.25pm	12.50pm – 1.30pm	1.55pm
4	LA1.8 (1), LA4.2 (4)	1.10pm	1.35pm – 2.15pm	2.40pm

Payments, consent and enrolment forms

Please ensure that enrolment and consent forms are returned, along with the payment of **\$65.00 per child** no later than Wednesday 29th May. Spare copies of forms are available from the office or can be accessed on our website or Seesaw. Payment plans can be negotiated with our Manager Corporate Services, Dianne Carlshausen by contacting 9562 8600.

Not participating?

Interm swimming forms part of the school program and it is hoped that all students participate. Swimming skills are important for all, but especially for children. Should your child not be participating in the series of Swimming Lessons, please inform the school, so we can ensure that we are not following you up on missing payments and forms. Students not participating will remain at school and will be supervised while completing an appropriate package of work.

Be prepared

Students change in to their swimming attire at school prior to departure for the swimming lesson. They will board the bus 'ready to swim' – with a towel wrap / robe / poncho towel / jacket or jumper over the top as appropriate. Students may wear thongs / flip flops or similar to and from swimming, but must have enclosed shoes for wear at school.

Long hair must be tied back. The swimming centre requires that jewellery is not worn during swimming, and this should either be left at home, or deposited with the class teacher for safekeeping. Students require a separate waterproof or plastic bag for their change of clothes, and to contain their wet clothes when changing back from swimmers.

When exiting the pool, students should towel dry and then wrap, using a robe, poncho towel, hoodie or similar for the brief trip back to school to get changed.

Should your child require changing at the pool or have specific requirements, please contact the school in advance of the series commencing and we will facilitate this.

Students get changed back into their school / dry clothing on return to school. For classes in the final session of the day (LA1.8 and LA4.2), who arrive back at school quite near to our dismissal time of 2.50pm, teachers will work with families on whether you would like the children to change clothes at school, leaving late, or to be dismissed to go home to get changed.

Mark your child's name on everything

Students will be getting completely changed twice each day, giving multiple opportunities for items to be dropped, lost or otherwise separated from your child. Please clearly mark all items with your child's name.

Breaks, Lunch and Lunch Orders

Students in Session 2 and Session 3 will not be able to order their lunch through Munch Box during the swimming lesson series, unless the order is for cold food, which we will store until students return from their lesson. Classroom teachers will advise of any adjustments made to breaks and eating times to support students. This may include moving *Crunch and Sip*, eating lunch at recess time, and then having recess in the afternoon or other alternatives.

Getting there and back

The school has an undercover bus bay to facilitate seamless all-weather pick-ups. We have chartered seatbelt-equipped, modern and comfortable buses from West Coast Bus Charters. Students and staff travel to and from the lessons as per the timetable.

Staff supervision

Each swimming group is accompanied and supported by a minimum of six Riva Primary School staff, in addition to the swimming instructors at the centre. We also have additional assistants in the pool to support student needs.



Parent spectators

Parents may choose to visit State Swim Canning Vale during lessons, using the designated viewing area. If visiting, please note that you can not take photos, and will be observing only – the students and instructors need to be left to concentrate on the lessons without distraction.

Further information

Classroom teachers may give further updates or information specific to their particular session.

Should you have any questions about the Intern Swimming Lessons, please do not hesitate to contact your child's classroom teacher or the school office at riva.ps@education.wa.edu.au

Kind regards



Aaron Chaplin
Principal
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