



POOL USE BY SCHOOL POLICY

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*All children have the right to learn
Everyone is treated respectfully
We all have the right to feel safe*

WE VALUE:

*Teamwork, Respect, Responsibility,
Persistence and Honesty*

Geranium Primary School is fortunate to have a swimming pool for the use of students and community. During school hours, the pool may be used by staff and students, following the guidelines below. The safety of students must be the foremost consideration in all matters pertaining to the use of the pool.

Staff to Student Ratio

Reception to Year 2: 1 adult (staff or volunteer):10 students

Years 3 to 7: 1 adult (staff or volunteer):12 students

Note that these ratios are a guide and should be varied according to the venue, weather conditions, nature of the activity, abilities/behaviour of the group etc.

At all times, there must be a minimum of two adults present, regardless of the number of students, and at least one of those adults must be a teacher.

Staff Qualifications

It is required that at least one supervising staff member or volunteer must have First Aid Resuscitation training, and at least one supervising staff member or volunteer must have a level of proficiency in effecting a rescue from the pool.

It is recommended that all staff members undertake the Pool Supervisor's training, offered each year, which includes the use of a spinal board.

Supervision Guidelines

- The teacher must carry a whistle
- Designate supervisors to act as 'lifeguards', remaining out of the pool.
- Ensure supervisors are appropriately placed/spaced to observe all students and/or to define boundaries.
- If possible have observers in an elevated position. Observe sun protection policy.
- Establish and practice an emergency procedure.

Emergency Procedure

This procedure is to be followed if an emergency should arise.

1. Using a continuous whistle to attract attention – clear pool and fenced area.
2. Carry out rescue if necessary.
3. Decide on First Aid if needed and if outside assistance is required
4. Start resuscitation or First Aid as required.
5. Ask another responsible person to ring for assistance – phone is located in the Pool Shed. Lift handset and dial the number.

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6. Maintain First Aid until ambulance arrives.
7. If casualty needs resuscitation, he/she must be taken to hospital for checking by a medical practitioner.
8. If a major casualty (serious injury or worse) the pool must remain closed.
9. In any case, where any injury occurs, an injury report form must be completed, and the incident recorded on IRMS by the site leader.