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Excursion: Year 2 Aquasafe Program

Anticipated group size: 3 adults; 44 students

Staff/Student ratio: 1:14

Date(s) & Time(s): 3rd to 7th June 2024 (Week 6) – *daily lessons at 1pm*

Transport arrangements: Qcity Buses - pick up from school 12:45 pm & leave pool at 2:10pm to return to school.

Cost: \$ 50 - *paid directly to RLS ACT*

The school has made every effort to keep cost for this excursion at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or carers can confidentially discuss support to meet the cost of the excursion with the Principal. Please contact the front office if you would like to speak with the Principal.

Online enrolment and payment to RLS due by: midnight Friday 24th May 2024 (week 4)

Permission notes due back to Front Office by: Friday 31st May 2024 (week 5)

Torrens Primary School is excited to be offering Year 2 students the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through Royal Life Saving ACT.

The ACT Education and Training Directorate provides substantial funding for Year 2 students in ACT Public Schools to participate in the new Royal Life Saving ACT *Aqua Safe* program – a series of 10 practical lessons focussed on general water safety and personal aquatic survival skills. This targeted approach will ensure every participating student has the opportunity to access structured aquatic activities during primary school. These lessons will be held over a 1 hour (2 sessions per day) 1 week program.

To ensure your child's inclusion in the Aquasafe Program, please complete the following:

Step 1: Sign the school permission form and update any medical forms.

Step 2: Register your child into the program using the Royal Life Saving website (see attached note for how to do this)

Step 3: Return the completed permission and registration details to the front office.

Staff who will be in attendance: Jessica Fulton, Bethany Hooper, Ellen Rosin

Behavioural expectations: *Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their charge to protect them from injury and to control and supervise their behaviour and activities.*

Parents should be aware that staff are not responsible for injuries or damage to property which may occur on an excursion where, in all circumstances, staff have not been negligent. Parents should warn children of the risk to themselves, to others and to property, of impulsive, wilful or disobedient behaviour.

Excursion Risk Assessment: available to view at front office.

If you have any questions regarding this excursion, please contact your class teacher via the front office. Please return the completed forms and make payment by the due date shown above.

Kind regards,

Jessica Fulton, Bethany Hooper and Ellen Rosin

Teamwork and Tolerance



Excursion Permission Note

I give permission for my child to attend the **Year 2 Aquasafe** excursion to **Lakeside Leisure Centre** on **3rd to 7th of June** travelling by **bus**.

I agree to my child participating in the activities associated with this excursion mentioned previously. I have discussed with my child the need for expected behaviour on this excursion. I authorise the school to make arrangements for the welfare of my child (including medical or surgical treatment) in an emergency and I agree to meet the associated costs. I have provided to the school all medical information relevant to my child attending this excursion.

I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion and that the school is authorised to return my child to school or home at my expense if the school considers that circumstances warrant such action. I give permission for my child to travel by private car, driven by a staff member or parent, in an emergency.

You have previously completed a *Medical Information and Consent Form*. This form only needs to be completed once annually unless there are changes to the details on this form. Are there any changes to this form?

Yes No If yes, an updated *Medical Information and Consent Form* is required to be completed (available from the front office or from our website).

Will your child require medication to be administered during the excursion (e.g., antihistamine, pain relief)?
Yes No If yes, please complete a *Medication Authorisation and Administration Record* (available through the front office or from the website).

Is there any additional information you need to provide to support your child's participation in this excursion?
Yes No If yes, please provide these details: _____

Please provide the following information:

Medicare No:		Private Health Fund No:		Membership No:	
Ambulance Fund: NOTE, Parents are responsible for ambulance costs outside the ACT.					

Child's Name: _____ Class: _____

Name of Parent /Carer (Please print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: ____/____/____

Registration and Payment: <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/royallifesavingact/classes>

If you fill in this form, your personal information and that of your child will be collected and handled by the ACT Education Directorate (EDU). This information is necessary for us to manage student participation in excursions and support the welfare and safety of your child. If you do not consent to supply us with this information your child will be unable to participate in the excursion. Normally, we will not use or disclose this information for another purpose, without your consent, unless you would reasonably expect us to use or disclose the information for a related purpose. Normally we only share information with school staff and, where necessary, parents or volunteers assisting with the excursion to appropriately and effectively manage the excursion. The Directorate has a privacy policy that explains how we handle personal information, including how we handle privacy complaints. The policy is available on the Directorate's website (www.det.act.gov.au) on the About Us page.



Dear Parent/s

Please read the following important information below. You will need to register your child for participation via Royal Life Saving ACT's dedicated schools' programs website (**the permission note issued by the school will not enrol your child into the program**). Instructions on how to register are provided below.

If you do not have online access, hard copy forms are available at the front office.

Hard copy forms should be returned to school no later than **Thursday 23rd May**

Our Program

Our program will begin on **3rd June** and end on **7th June**. Students will attend a 60-minute lesson each day for 5 days (2 sessions per day). Our program will be held at **Lakeside Leisure Centre**. You are more than welcome to attend and observe your child's progress throughout the program, please be aware that there may be a spectator fee to pay to watch your child.

Payment

Payment for the program will be made online at the time of registration unless otherwise arranged with the school. Please talk to the school if you are unable to pay online (i.e.; no credit card), you will be issued a unique voucher number after payment to the school has been made. The cost of the program is \$50.00.

Student Registration

To register online please follow this link <https://app.iclasspro.com/portal/royallifesavingact/classes> click on 'Booking' – use the Program Filter to find your school and Enrol your child into a class in their suspected level (Beginner, Intermediate or Advanced)- They will be tested on day one so don't worry if you are unsure.

Your Child's Timeslot: 1.00pm – 2.00pm

It is important to make sure your child has been enrolled into the correct timeslot. If you have multiple children attending, they may not be attending in the same slot. Confirm with their teacher if you are unsure.

IMPORTANT: The online enrolment portal will automatically close **5 school days** (Closes Friday night at midnight) prior to our program start date. Please ensure you have registered your child by this time. **If your child/ren have not been registered online or a hard copy handed to the school office by this time, they may not be able to participate.**

If you experience any difficulty with your online enrolment, please contact Royal Life Saving ACT directly on 6260 5800. For all other enquiries, please contact the school on 6142 0777.



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Royal Life Saving ACT AquaSafe Program

Dear Parents,

As one of the water safety activities during your child's AquaSafe program, they will experience what it is like to swim wearing normal clothing.

Please have your child along a t-shirt and shorts to wear into the pool, over the top of their swimwear, on **Wednesday** (the 3rd day of the AquaSafe program). Children will need to wear their swimwear underneath their swimming clothes as part of the activity is to learn how to remove heavy clothing in the water.

Please also provide a plastic bag for your child to put their wet clothes in after the lesson.

As this part of our program falls into the aquatic survival element of the children's water safety education, they will not be wearing goggles during the clothed activities. We do this so that we can best prepare your child for an accidental fall into the water. If such an incident were to occur, it is unlikely your child would be wearing goggles, and therefore it is important they are exposed to this sensation in a safe and controlled environment before potentially experiencing it under duress.

We ask that you do not send your child(ren) to the pool in a tight long sleeved shirt or Jeans. Short sleeves and shorts or loose pants only please.

If you have any questions about this activity, please do not hesitate to contact Royal Life Saving directly and ask to speak with our Programs Manager. Thank you.

Royal Life Saving ACT

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