

# THOMAS MITCHELL PRIMARY SCHOOL

## 2019 Year 6 Water Safety and Awareness Program

### Introduction/Links to Curriculum:

5<sup>th</sup> September 2019

As part of the year six 2019 Physical Education Program an eight-day water safety and awareness-swimming program has been organised. Lessons will be conducted by trained swimming instructors at the Dandenong Oasis Pool, Cnr Heatherton Rd & Cleeland St, Dandenong. Students will be transported to and from the pool by bus, accompanied by staff and parent helpers.

Students will complete swimming and water safety elements throughout the program which includes simulation of open water scenarios and an introduction to basic rescue techniques. One day will also be a pyjama/clothed swim day – more information will follow. The students will be assessed during the program for the Victorian Water Safety Certificate.

The final day of the program is a 'fun day', including Octo & Pipeline inflatables, Cargo Net, Tarzan Rope, Water Polo and all inclusive games.

Please fill in the below permission slip if you permit your child to participate. This course is largely subsidised by the Department of Education, therefore the only cost to families is \$20.00 in total. This fee is to be paid no later than 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019 in order for us to finalise numbers, groups and buses.

Due to restricted availability of the pool and swimming instructors **places will be confirmed on a "first come, first served basis" so we encourage you to return your \$20 and permission form as early as possible, and no later than Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.** Unfortunately we are unable to accept late payments.

Teachers will be accompanying children to/from the pool and supervising during their lessons, however we will require parent helpers to also assist the group. Please let us know via the permission form if you are able to help - a Working With Children Check (WWC) is required. If you do not have a WWC we can assist you in obtaining one, please contact us on 9706 2254. There is no application cost for volunteers.

Dates of Program:	Monday 18 <sup>th</sup> to Thursday 28 <sup>th</sup> November (no program on Fridays) Each lesson will run for 45 minutes (1 instructor to 9 students)
Venue/Address:	Dandenong Oasis, Heatherton Rd & Cleeland St, Dandenong.
Cost:	Total cost to parents is just \$20 per child
Travel arrangements:	Children will be transported to and from the venue by bus. Group 1 will depart TMPS at 11.45, returning at 2.00pm (lunch at 2pm) Group 2 will depart TMPS at 12.30, returning at 2.45pm (lunch before 12.30)
Uniform:	During the program children participating are to wear full school uniform. Participating students are asked to bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>- Swim Wear</li><li>- Towel</li><li>- Goggles</li><li>- Pyjamas/Old Clothes (students may need to swim in full length (long sleeves, long pants) clothing for some assessments</li></ul>
Permission form and money:	A \$20 payment confirms your child's participation. Unfortunately there is no refund for day/s not attended due to illness, forgotten swimwear, etc. Permissions and payment must be returned no later than <b><u>Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September – unfortunately we cannot accept late applications.</u></b> <i>Please send correct money as no change can be given.</i>

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***This form, together with the (non refundable) total cost of \$20.00, is to be returned to school no later than Thursday 19<sup>th</sup> September 2019.***

***To enable us to finalise groups, buses and other organisational arrangements, no late payments will be accepted.***

I give permission for my child .....in class .....  
to participate in the 8 Day Water Safety and Awareness Program in November on Monday 18<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>,  
Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>, Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>, Monday 25<sup>th</sup>, Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>, Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup> and Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>. I understand  
that the students will be travelling by bus to and from the venue, supervised by Thomas Mitchell Primary  
School staff and parent volunteers, and instructed at the pool by qualified Dandenong Oasis staff.

I understand the year 6 swimming program is subsidised by the Department of Education, and that the total  
cost to me will is \$20 and enclose the non refundable payment with this permission form.

Please tick as applicable, to help organize children into appropriate groups:

My child:

- Has recently participated in other swimming lesson programs.
- Has NOT participated in other swimming lesson programs recently.

I hereby authorise the teacher in charge of this event, to consent, where it is impractical to communicate with  
me, to my child receiving such medical or surgical treatment as may be deemed necessary.

My child has the following medical condition:

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and requires the following medication to be administered during this activity

..... (a  
medication form has been completed and submitted to school).

Contact / phone for days of program: ..... Phone: .....

Signed: ..... Dated: .....

I AM WILLING TO ASSIST AS A PARENT HELPER ON THE DAYS circled below (AND I HAVE A WORKING  
WITH CHILDREN CHECK):

Monday 18<sup>th</sup>                      Tuesday 19<sup>th</sup>                      Wednesday 20<sup>th</sup>                      Thursday 21<sup>st</sup>

Monday 25<sup>th</sup>                      Tuesday 26<sup>th</sup>                      Wednesday 27<sup>th</sup>                      Thursday 28<sup>th</sup>

Name:..... Phone:.....

(If accepted as a parent helper, we will contact you with further information.)