



MACQUARIE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Years P – 6

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Dear Parent/s,

Macquarie Primary School is excited to be offering Year 2 and 3 students the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through Royal Life Saving ACT.

The ACT Education Directorate provides funding for Year 2 students in ACT Public Schools to participate in the Royal Life Saving ACT *Aqua Safe* program focused on general water safety and personal aquatic survival skills. This year our year 3 students are also being offered this program due to its cancellation in 2020 during Covid-19. This targeted approach will ensure every participating student has the opportunity to access structured aquatic activities during primary school. These lessons will run for 1 hour per day for one week. Our students will be participating **15-19 March** at Canberra International Sports and Aquatic Centre (CISAC).

The cost of the program is **\$50 per student** and is not due until Friday 5 March.

To ensure your child's inclusion in this year's program, please complete the attached permission note and return to school no later than **Friday 5 March**.

Once a permission note has been received you will be given the online enrolment codes to register your child on the Royal Life Saving Australia portal. Hardcopies of the registration form can also be collected from me if needed.

Sincerely

Stacey Naden

Team Leader

11 February 2021

Year 3 Aquasafe

Dear Families,

Aquasafe is a unique water safety and awareness program designed specifically for students in the ACT. The concept of the program was developed as a joint initiative between Royal Life Saving ACT and the ACT Government Education Directorate. Participation for the program is partially funded by the ACT Government. This funding increases accessibility and affordability of the program for all students.

Students in year 3 participate in the Aquasafe program for 5 consecutive school days. Lessons are one hour in length.

A risk assessment has been completed and is available to view at the front office.

Where: Canberra International Sports and Aquatic Centre (CISAC)

When: Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March (1 hour per day)

Transport: Qcity buses

Time: Depart at 12:40 and return at 2:20pm. Lesson time is 1:00-2:00pm

Accompanying Staff: Bec Spoons and Chlo Sutherland

**Emergency Contact
number on excursion:** 0434 751 607

Cost: \$50 – paid direct to Royal Life Saving Australia when online enrolment is completed.

Staff accompanying students on excursions will take all reasonable care while the students are in their care to protect them from injury. Parents should be aware that staff members are not responsible for injuries or damage to property that 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. (Education Directorate Policy)

Students will need to bring/wear:

- Swimmers, goggles, towel, thongs, swimming cap in a separate bag. Students will be given time to change before the bus arrives
- Dry underwear and clothes to put on after swimming lessons

Please return permission note by Friday 5 March 2021.

Kind regards,

Stacey Naden, Team Leader

The Directorate collects the information contained in this form to obtain parental consent for students' participation and to provide or arrange first aid and other medical treatments for students. The information collected will be held at the student's school and will be made available to relevant school staff, including first aid officers, and to medical or paramedical staff in the case of an accident or emergency. The information contained in the form is personal information and it will be stored, used and disclosed in accordance with the requirements of the *Information Privacy Act 2014* and the *Health Records (Privacy and Access) Act 1997*.



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Permission Note for Year 3 Aquasafe

I give permission for my child _____ from

class _____ to attend the Aquasafe program Monday 15 March to Friday 19 March.

- I understand the transport arrangements involved.
- I confirm there have been no changes to my child's medical information and I understand it is my responsibility to inform the school if changes occur.

Parent Contact Information - If needed during the excursion

Parent/Carer Name:	Contact Number:
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Parent Signature:	Date: