



Dear Parent / Caregiver,

Alexandria Park Community School's annual High School Swimming Carnival takes place on *Friday 5th March*. As is normal procedure, student behaviour is expected to be of the highest quality and students should participate with the knowledge that they are representing Alexandria Park Community School. Students are required to wear school sport uniform (red shirts), or the team colours of their allocated house.

To provide ease of travel, the school is offering a bus to transport students to and from the venue under staff supervision. Students will need to arrive at school no later than **8:00am**. Concluding the carnival, the bus will depart from the venue at 2:45pm for a **3:15pm** return. If you require this service a fee of \$10 will be invoiced to you. In addition, please note that the Department of Education policy states that face masks are compulsory on school-organised transport, hence your child will be required to provide and wear their own face mask. Please indicate on the consent form if your child requires this service to secure a seat on the bus.

Students may bring their own food and/or money as food will also be available to be purchased at the venue.

Students are required to attend and encouraged to participate. However, it is not compulsory to participate in swimming events. Along with consent, please ensure you complete the participation, swimming requirements, and travel option for your child and return the consent form to the Jenal by Friday 12th of February.

Event: Swimming Carnival- consists of a variety of swimming events including 50m and 100m swimming races, and team relays. House points are awarded for participation and 1st, 2nd, and 3rd placings.

Purpose: To provide students with a positive physical activity experience and encourage lifelong physical activity.

Location/s: Botany Aquatic Centre, Myrtle Street &, Jasmine St, Botany NSW 2019

Date: Friday 5th March

Period of Time: 8:50am – 2:30pm

Mode of Travel: Students have the option to either make their own way to the venue OR nominate to go by bus from school under staff supervision. Please indicate this on the consent form attached.

Cost: \$10 per student which will be invoiced to you. No upfront cost required.

Teacher/s attending: High school staff

Covid-19 Safety Plan: Please be advised that due to Covid19 we are unable to invite parents, carers, families and other spectators to the swimming carnival event. In accordance with contact tracing requirements a list of all students and staff attending the event will be kept and provided to the venue, however the privacy of all students will be protected.

In addition, to further enhance the safety and wellbeing of students and staff, a clear delineation will be made at the venue restricting the public from entering the main area of the carnival. Hand sanitiser will be available with staff supervising hand washing and sanitising at regular intervals. Furthermore, sensible measures in regards to social distancing will be maintained in the stands and at marshalling areas.

Constance Rossides
Sport Coordinator Signature

Consent Form

(Please complete and return to the Jenla by Friday 12th February)

In accordance with the Department of Education Water Safety Policies and Guidelines, please return the below consent indicating the swimming ability of your child.

Name of parent / caregiver: _____.

I give permission for my child _____ of roll class _____ to attend the 2021 APCS Swimming Carnival held at Botany Aquatic Centre on Friday the 5th of March.

Participation & Water Safety

My child will attend the event as a *(please tick a box)*:

- Swimmer** **Non- swimmer** *(not enter the water at all)*

If swimming, the swimming ability of my child is *(please tick a box)*:

- Strong** (able to swim 100m confidently)
 Average (able to swim 50m confidently)
 Weak (able to participate in events with strict supervision)

Note: *All swimmers indicated with a weak swimming ability will need to undergo a practical swimming assessment on the day. Staff have the authorisation to determine whether a student is capable of participating in an event on the day.*

Travel to and from the venue

Please indicate below how your child will travel to and from the venue (please tick a box).

- My child will make their own travel arrangements to and from the venue
 My child will be required to travel to and from the venue with the school by bus. I understand that a \$10 fee will be added to my child's school fees.

Medical Information

Is there any medical condition or information we may need to be aware of that may affect the activity to be undertaken? (If so, provide details and/or attach medical management program if applicable)

- Yes No

Note: *In the event of an emergency, staff will make contact with the ambulance service and/or hospital.*

Emergency Contact _____ (Name) _____ (Phone number)

Signature of parent/carer: _____ **Date:** _____