AQUATIC EDUCATION PROGRAM POLICY

Rationale:
Grades prep/Students at ENPS will participate in an intensive five consecutive day sequential program at the Eaglehawk Leisure Centre aimed at providing water safety and familiarisation skills.

Purpose:
1. To promote a positive attitude towards learning water safety.
2. To develop an awareness that water recreational activities are enjoyable and assist our health and fitness.
3. To teach children practical skills which will enable them to be safe in and around water environments.
4. To develop confidence and self esteem so that water environments are seen as less threatening.

Guidelines for Implementation:
1. Prep children will receive a water confidence program based upon the framework provided within the Health and Physical Education domain.
2. The Water Familiarisation and Water Safety Program is AUSTSWIM based and the lessons will be conducted by fully trained Aquatic Education Teachers.
3. Each of the sequential lessons will be of 40 minutes duration.
4. Ratios will be in accordance with the current R.L.S.S. Safe Pool Operation Guidelines.
5. Timing in relation to minimising disruption to classroom programs will be considered.
6. This program will operate in Semester 2.

Staff and Parents will be responsible for:
1. Ensuring that children are appropriately equipped for each lesson, e.g. bathers, towel.
2. Supervising students during travelling to and from the venue.
3. Supervision in the change rooms.