



## HAWKER SCHOOL

### Year 2 Royal Life Saving ACT Aqua Safe Program

Term 4, Week 10

11<sup>th</sup>-15<sup>th</sup> December 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Hawker 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 to subsidise fees for all 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 1 hour sessions each day for a 1 week program. The cost of the program is \$50 per student.

To ensure your child's inclusion in this year's program, please complete the attached school permission note and return it to school no later than: **Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**. Parents/carers will also be required to complete the online enrolment information and make payment to Royal Life Saving ACT by **Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**.

<b>Dates &amp; Times</b>	<b>Term 4, Week 10: Monday, 11<sup>th</sup>- Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December 2023</b> Buses leave Hawker School at 9:10am Lessons commence at 9:30am Buses return to Hawker School following lesson (approximately 10:45am)
<b>Venue &amp; Transport</b>	Q-City Bus transport to and from Canberra International Sports and Aquatic Centre (CISAC), Eastern Valley Way, Bruce. Transportation is included in the subsidised cost of lessons.
<b>Activities</b>	Royal Life Saving <i>Aqua Safe</i> program – a series of 10 practical and 5 theory lessons focussed on general water safety and personal aquatic survival skills
<b>Clothing &amp; Equipment</b>	Students are advised to wear their swimming costume to school each morning under their Hawker School uniform. They will wear their swimming costumes to and from the pool. Students will change upon arrival back at Hawker School. Please make sure all items are clearly labelled with your child's name. Students should bring: <ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• a waterproof bag</li><li>• towel (hooded towels are useful for travel back to school)</li><li>• thongs or sandals</li><li>• goggles and swim caps (optional)</li><li>• school uniform</li><li>• underwear, socks and school shoes</li></ul> <b><i>Details from Royal Life Saving ACT regarding the Wednesday session requirements are attached.</i></b>
<b>Accompanying Teachers/LSAs</b>	Monique Forward, Allyson Griffiths (Mon-Wed), Nichole Mandapat (Wed-Fri), LSA TBC
<b>Cost</b>	\$50 per student to be paid via the Royal Lifesaving ACT website. <b>Details for registration and payment are attached.</b>



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*The school has made every effort to keep costs at a minimum level. If necessary, parents or students 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.*

**Permission notes to be returned to Hawker School front office by Monday, 4<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Registration and payment to be completed by Wednesday, 6<sup>th</sup> December 2023**

**Excursion Risk Assessment (including Covid Safe practices):** Available at the front office.

**Behavioural expectations-** Hawker Students are expected to always display our SCARF values when representing the school. This includes during school excursions.

*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 members 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.*

### **Year 2 Royal Life Saving Aqua Safe Program Permission Note**

I give permission for my child \_\_\_\_\_ in **Year 2** to attend the Royal Life Saving ACT Aqua Safe Program at Canberra International Sports and Aquatic Centre (CISAC) from Monday, 11<sup>th</sup> December-Friday, 15<sup>th</sup> December, travelling to and from school by bus.

*I agree to my child participating in the activities associated with this carnival mentioned previously. I have discussed with my child the need for expected behaviour at this event. 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 event.*

*I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the event 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.*

The [Medical Information and consent](#) form only needs to be completed once/year prior to the first excursion 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 through the front office).

Will your child require medication to be administered during the excursion (e.g. allergy medication, pain relief)?

Yes ☐ No ☐ If yes, please complete a *Medication Authorisation and Administration Record* (available through the front office).

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.

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Parent/carer name: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Parent/carer signature: \_\_\_\_\_



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