

Tuesday, February 9, 2021

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers

IMPORTANT CHANGES TO THE 2021 COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL - TUESDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 2021

As you would understand, the Hobart Aquatic Centre and our College are required to adhere to current Tasmanian Public Health regulations in relation to COVID-19. As a result, we have been required to significantly amend the program for our 2021 College Swimming Carnival.

The College is not permitted to take more students to the venue than the 'cap' that has been communicated to us by the Aquatic Centre. As such, the College has needed to restrict our event to all Year 7 students and all participating (i.e. signed-up) Year 8, 9 and 10 students only. Unfortunately, these restrictions also mean that we cannot accommodate parents/guardians or carers at the venue either, unless they are volunteering at our event and have organised this through our Sports Co-ordinator, Mrs Geappen.

We ask that all families respect the restrictions that the College and the Hobart Aquatic Centre have been put under. We have provided opportunities for Years 8, 9 and 10 students to "sign-up" and we cannot accept extra numbers. Similarly, we cannot make exceptions for parents, guardians or carers. This situation is unavoidable and we are as disappointed as many of you that our 2021 College Swimming Carnival cannot be the whole College community event that it has been in previous years.

All Year 8, 9 and 10 students who have NOT signed up for the College Swimming Carnival

Students not attending the College Swimming Carnival will be attending the College as normal. They will engage in classes as normal on the day, starting at the usual time and finishing, as usual, at 3.10p.m.

All Year 7 students, Years 8, 9 and 10 students who have signed up for the College Swimming Carnival, House Captains, assigned Year 10 students, Deputy College Captains and College Captains

Families of the abovementioned students will receive an electronic Consent2Go invitation in the next day or so. Please respond to this invitation to consent for your child/children to participate. **NO CONSENT/NO GO.**

Our buses will start leaving the College for the Aquatic Centre during Tutor on Tuesday, February 16. We ask all Year 7 students, and all other participating Year 8, 9 and 10 students (as above) to arrive at the College by 8.35a.m.

Year 7 (Entire Year Group) – the 25m and 50m Pools will be operating for our Year 7s.

The 25m Pool is for students not confident enough to compete in the 50m events. A variety of water races will take place in this pool so that students can earn House points and feel a part of the day.



- Those students competing in the 50m Pool are also competing for House points but are also eligible to make our SATIS Representative Team, plus they are in the running for our Swim Champion Awards.
- Any Year 7 students attending but not feeling confident to swim in either pool can see Mrs Geappen for a support role on the day. The two pools are on offer to encourage as many students as possible to hop in and have a go – strong participation is the aim for our Year 7s.

Year 8, 9, and 10 (Nominated to attend only) – the 50m Pool is the only pool on offer for these swimmers because those who have nominated are competent in the 50m Pool.

MORE INFORMATION FOR ALL STUDENTS ATTENDING THE COLLEGE SWIMMING CARNIVAL

Students will need appropriate swimming attire, cap, towel and goggles. (*Due to changes in Houses we ask that students bring their own swimming cap this year. It does not matter if the cap colour does not match the House this year – students will be able to purchase House swimming caps for 2022*).

- **Students must wear their College Sports Uniform to and from the College on the day.** They are strongly encouraged to bring clothing items in their House colours to change into at school for the day at the pool.
- **The public Canteen at the Aquatic Centre is out of bounds.** Students will need to bring a cut lunch, snacks and plenty of water. We suggest that students bring two drink bottles on the day.
- Students need to be aware of their event start times. The Program will be available on the MacKillop Catholic College website, SEQTA and will also be emailed to students - please note that these times are approximate and subject to slight change depending on numbers.
- As this is a House-based event students will be required to sit in the designated stand area with their House Staff when not competing.
- Due to the COVID-19 cap on numbers, a reminder that NO SPECTATORS are permitted. However, if you are available to assist us at the Carnival with various jobs, your help would be greatly appreciated. Please contact Mrs Geappen prior to the Carnival to arrange.
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We look forward to a rewarding and enjoyable day for all involved despite the whole College Carnival event not being an option this year. We thank you for your understanding. Please do not hesitate to contact us with any concerns you may have.

Yours sincerely

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