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Year 2 Aqua Safe Program

1 May - 5 May 2023

Dear Parents and Carers,

Harrison School is excited to be offering Year 2 students the opportunity to acquire essential life skills in water safety and survival through the Royal Life Saving ACT. It is an ACT Education Department requirement that all students participate in this program in Year 2.

The ACT Education Directorate provides substantial funding for Year 2 students in ACT Public Schools to participate in the new Royal Life Saving ACT *Aqua Safe* program – a series of 10 practical and 5 theory 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.

Please note that Registrations close on Monday, 24 April 2023.

Registration: Please refer to page 2 with instructions on how to register your child

Date: 1 May – 5 May 2023

Cost: \$50.00 (To be paid through the Royal Life Saving ACT link)

Transport: Chartered Bus to and from the event

Times and groups:

Group 1 – 9:30am – 10:30am: 2JM, 2NA, LSU YK
Group 2 – 10:40am – 11:40am: 2TP, 2RT
Group 3 – 11:55am – 12:55pm: 2PH, 2EB, LSU JM

Clothing and Equipment: Students are required to arrive to school in school uniform. Students will change into swimmers just before they leave school and change back into their uniform on their return to school. Students are required to bring the following items all clearly labelled with your child's name:

- Beach towel,
- Swimmers,
- Goggles/Swimming Cap (if required),
- Thongs/Sandals,
- Plastic bag for wet clothing (swimmers, towel)
- T-shirt, Shorts to wear in the water on Thursday, 4 May

As one of the water safety activities during your child's Aqua Safe Program, they will experience what it is like to swim wearing normal clothing. Please have your child bring appropriate clothing that they will wear in the water on **Thursday 4 May 2023**. This offers them a new perspective on how it might feel for them if they were to accidentally fall in when fully dressed. It's all part of the essential aquatic survival education component in our programs.

Please note that the school will not be accepting payments for this activity.

Year 2 Aqua Safe Program Online Student Registration Information

You will need to register your child for participation via Royal Life Saving ACT's dedicated schools' programs website (**the permission note issued by the school will not enrol your child into the program**). Instructions on how to register are provided below.

Student Registration Instructions:

Step 1: Follow this link and complete the survey.

Link : <https://www.cognitoforms.com/RoyalLifeSaving1/HarrisonSchoolAquaSafeSwimLevelAssessment>

Step 2: When survey is completed, at the bottom on the page there will be a unique link provided, copy this link into a new browser.

Step 3: Select any of the available classes.

Step 4: Select students and create a new account.

Please note: If you have more than one child attending you will have to submit this for each child.

IMPORTANT: The online enrolment portal will automatically close **3 school days** (Monday 24 April at midnight) prior to our program start date. Please ensure you have registered your child by this time. **If your child/ren have not been registered online by this time, they may not be able to participate in the program.** If you experience any difficulty with your online enrolment, please contact **Royal Life Saving ACT directly on 62605800**. For all other enquiries, please contact the school.

Payment

Payment for the program will be made **online** at the time of registration unless otherwise arranged with the school. Please talk to the school if you are unable to pay online (i.e., no credit card), you will be issued a unique voucher number after payment to the school has been made. The cost of the program is **\$50.00**.

Please note that the school will not be accepting any payments for this activity.

Behavioural expectations- Standards of behaviour based on the school's values apply in all camp and excursion situations. Students deemed to not be displaying appropriate behaviour on excursions or camps will be returned to school. No refund will be available under these circumstances.

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.

Kind Regards,
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Year 2 Aqua Safe Program Permission Note

I give permission for my child _____ in class _____ to attend the Aqua Safe program excursion from 1 May – 5 May 2023.

Please complete and return attached permission note to the front office no later than: **Monday 24th April 2023.**

I understand that students will be transported to and from the event by bus.

I agree to my child participating in the activities associated with this excursion. I have discussed with my child the need for expected behaviour on this excursion. 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 excursion.

I agree that my child will be under the authority of the school for the duration of the excursion 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

Please provide the following information:

Medicare No:		Private Health Fund:		Membership No	
Ambulance Fund: Parents are responsible for ambulance costs outside the ACT.					

Name of Parent/Carer: (please print) _____

Signature: _____ Date: _____

