

1st December, 2022

STAGE 2 & 3 – BALLINA MEMORIAL POOL & WATERSLIDES EXCURSION

Dear Parent/Carer,

An end of year activity day for students in **3 Binging, 3 /4 Wajung, 4/5 Junbung, 5/6 Bowie & 5/6 Mulayum** will be held at the **Ballina Memorial Pool and Waterslides**. All swimmers will be required to participate in an aquatic pre-activity water survival challenge to assess their aquatic proficiency for participation in unstructured water-based activities. This assessment is in line with the Department of Education's Policy and Guidelines for Swimming and Water Safety.

The aquatic pre-activity water survival challenge comprises of the following progression – a slide in entry, a walk of 5 metres in shallow end of the pool, a 25 metre swim using a recognised stroke and 1 minute float, scull or tread water in deep water followed by an unassisted exit.

At the completion of the water survival challenge assessment you child will be issued with either a:

- **Blue wrist band** allowing them to participate in deep water unstructured activities and entry to the orange and green waterslides. Students less than 110cm height will only be allowed to ride the green waterslide.
- **Yellow wrist band** allowing them to participate in shallow water (waist deep) supervised activities only and no waterslides.

Students nominated by their parent/caregiver on this form as a **non-swimmer** will not be allowed in deep water and will not complete the water assessment. Appropriate non-aquatic activities will be planned for these children.

Excursion details are as follows:

WHEN:	Friday, 9 th December 2022
TIME:	Leave school 9.20am and return at approximately 2.40pm.
TRANSPORT:	Bus
COST:	\$30 - includes pool entry, waterslide (double session) & bus
DRESS:	Casual clothes may be worn (swimmers underneath)
WHAT TO BRING:	Rash shirt or t-shirt, broad brimmed hat, towel and sunscreen. Plastic bag for wet swimmers and dry underwear to change in to. Packed lunch & recess, water bottle, money for canteen (optional).



SUPERVISING TEACHERS WITH CPR AND EMERGENCY CARE: Mrs Coleman, Mrs Titcume, Mrs Smidt, Ms Albini & Mrs Taylor. The teacher:student supervision ratio for unstructured aquatic activity will not exceed 1:20.

MEDICAL INSURANCE: In the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. The Department's public liability cover is fault-based and limited to breaches by the Department of its duty of care to students that may result in claims for compensation.

Parents/Carers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child/ward's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, school sport zone, region and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional insurance cover is required prior to their child's involvement in the program. Personal accident insurance cover is available through normal retail outlets.

The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injury Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, provides limited cover for serious injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the loss of use of certain prescribed parts of the body. The Supplementary Scheme does not cover medical costs or dental costs.

Please return completed permission note by **Wednesday, 7th December**

Gaye Titcume – Assistant Principal

Larissa Polak - Principal

**Please keep this sheet for
your information.**



PERMISSION NOTE – STAGE 2 & 3 BALLINA MEMORIAL POOL & WATERSLIDES EXCURSION

Student's Name: _____ Class: _____

- ☐ My child is **permitted** to go in the water and will complete the aquatic pre-activity water survival challenge prior to unstructured water play at the Ballina Memorial Pool and Waterslides.
- ☐ My child is a non-swimmer and **is not permitted** to complete the aquatic pre-activity water survival challenge. I request an alternative activity for my child.

If your child is permitted to go in the water:

- ☐ My child is a **swimmer** ☐ **Weak** ☐ **Average** ☐ **Strong**
- ☐ My child is a **non-swimmer**

In relation to the proposed water activities, I advise that (**please circle**):

My child can tread water for one minute YES NO

My child can float for one minute YES NO

My child can swim 25 metres YES NO

Signed parent/care giver: _____ Date: _____

- I can confirm that I understand that, in the event of injury, no personal injury insurance cover is provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity.
- I affirm that, to the best of my knowledge my child has no medical condition or injury that places him/her at risk by participating in this excursion.
- In the event of any accident or illness, I authorise the obtaining, on my behalf, of an ambulance and any such medical assistance that my child may require. I accept full responsibility for expenses incurred.
- I acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that my child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. I confirm that my child will not attend the excursion if displaying any symptoms of illness.

- ☐ **YES**, I hereby give permission for my child to attend the Stage 2 & 3 Ballina Waterslides excursion on Friday 9th December. The school has my child's current contact details and medical information. I understand that this will involve travel by bus.

Payment options:

- ☐ I would like the cost of \$30.00 to be deducted from my child's Education Hardship Fund
- ☐ I have paid \$30.00 using Parent On-line Payment (POP).
Please allow 2 days for processin **Receipt number** _____
- ☐ Enclosed is \$30.00 cash

Signed: _____
(Parent/Carer)

Date: _____