



St. Andrew's

Christian School



21st January 2025

Dear Parents/Carers,

Years 3-12 SWIMMING CARNIVAL - 2025

On **Friday 7th February 2025 (Week 1)**, we will be holding our Annual Swimming Carnival at the Maclean Olympic Pool, corner of Argyle and McLachlan Streets, Maclean.

The carnival will run from **8:50am–2:55pm**. To help students to get to the venue we have arranged for a coach to pick up from St. Andrew's Christian School that will drop students off at the Maclean Pool for the start of the day (**leaving STACS at 9:00am**) and bring them back to STACS in time for their afternoon bus or parent pickup at **2:55pm**.

Please note:

This event is for years 3 – 12 only. Unfortunately, due to the nature of the day and the size of the venue this year, we are unable to have our K- Year 2 students attend. I am hoping that the new Grafton pool will enable us to have the whole school in attendance in the future. We will be organising a whole school house gala following the cross-country event later in Term 1 that will allow all students an opportunity to get together and compete for their sporting house. This upcoming day will be led by our new house captains.

The carnival is a school community day and we would love to have our families and friends come to cheer on the students.

Here are a few things your child needs to bring on the day:

- Towel
- Sunscreen
- Water bottle
- Bucket hat
- Goggles for chlorine protection
- Swimmers

Girls: one piece. If you don't have a one piece make sure you wear a rash shirt over your two piece for protection from the sun.

Boys: board shorts or jammers may be worn.

All students are encouraged to wear the colours of the house that will be competing in for the day. The pool staff have asked for no face/body paint, balloons, hair spray, string or crepe paper to be brought to the carnival.

Sport Representative Houses:

Marsh – Red / Stevens – Blue / Thorn – Green

The first event will begin at 9:40am and rolls will be marked at the pool at 9:30am. Students should find their roll call teacher/year advisor on arrival. Supervision begins at 8:30am.

Lunch: The canteen will be open at the pool so you can bring money for this or, alternatively, pack your own lunch in a cooler bag.

Parents/Guardians: You are welcome to come and be involved in the day. Time permitting, there will be a staff and parents vs students race at the end of the day. Parents/Carers are welcome to take their child directly to the pool and pick them up in the afternoon **(2:00pm)** at the pool. Please see your child/ren's year coordinator before leaving the pool.

Cost: All bus and entry fees for students will be covered by the school.

If they are staying to continue swimming after the carnival, the pool policy is that they leave with the school group and then pay to enter again as a public swimmer, under your supervision. Please write a note informing that this is what your child will be doing.

Staff will have the school excursion Phone on the day and can be contacted on
- **0499 621 179** -

Please fill out the attached permission note regarding transportation and return the Consent and Medical form to Student Reception by no later than **Tuesday 4th February 2025**.

Please note that the combined **CSSA Zone Primary & Secondary Swimming Carnival will be held in Macksville on Thursday 20th February 2025**.

Looking forward to a great day,

James Kidd

James Kidd
Sports Coordinator



St. Andrew's Christian School

Permission Note

School Swimming Carnival Friday 7th February 2025

Please return by Tuesday 4th February 2025.

I give permission for _____ to attend the school swimming carnival on **Friday 7th February 2025** at the Maclean Olympic Pool.

My child will be travelling to and from the pool by:

Bus

Parent Car

My child will re-enter as a public swimmer at the conclusion of the carnival. **Yes/No**

SWIMMING ABILITY

Please clearly circle one:

My child is not permitted to go in the water

If your child is permitted to go in the water - please tick the appropriate box:

Excellent swimmer – can swim 200m plus without difficulty

Good swimmer – can swim 100m without difficulty

Average swimmer – can swim 50m without difficulty

Poor swimmer – can swim 25m without difficulty

Non –swimmer – cannot swim more than 5m

Parent/Guardian: _____

Signature: _____

Mobile: _____

Date: _____