

5 February 2024

## WWHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2024 INFORMATION

Dear families,

West Wallsend High School's Swimming Carnival will be held at Speers Point Swim Centre on Thursday 15 February 2024 (Week 3). This is a mandatory whole school event, and all students are required to attend. There will be no supervision at school on the day.

Parents/carers are welcome to attend as spectators but must remain in the indicated spectator area. Photographs and/or filming of students by parents/carers is not permitted.

As per the school's personal technology policy students **must have all personal technology off** and away in pouches all day. Urgent communication to students on the day may be to our Head Teacher Administration on the school's excursion phone: **0439** 150 907.

## **MEDICAL CONSENT FORM + FEE**

Students attending the swimming carnival MUST submit the Sports Medical Information Note via School Bytes by **Friday 9 February**. This does not apply to Year 7 students who have completed a manual form as part of the enrolment process. The \$10 entry fee is also to be paid online via School Bytes by **Friday 9 February**.

## **TRANSPORT**

Bus transport: Students must be in the COLA by 8:45am for roll call. All students who catch a bus or walk home from school will leave the swim centre at 2:20pm by bus. Students will be dismissed from school at the usual bell time of 3:00pm. The school will pay for bus transport.

Private transport: Students must arrive at the pool by 9:20am for roll call. All students are expected to remain at the carnival until 2:20pm when a roll call will be conducted. Students who are being picked up from the swim centre MUST have their parent/carer collect them from the attendance desk after the 2:20pm roll call has been completed and will only be allowed to leave the swim centre once their name is marked off.

Students may not leave the swimming carnival with another person without written permission from a parent/carer - this includes seniors driving with student passengers. All senior students travelling by car MUST complete a student driver/passenger consent form and submit this form to the front office by Monday 12 February. Senior students are expected to remain at the carnival until the 2.20pm roll call.

## **CARNIVAL DETAILS**

Once students have their names marked off by their Connect teacher, students will be seated in house groups and should come wearing their colours! Students will gain points for their houses for great sportsmanship, house march participation and safe behaviours. In the event of unsafe weather there will be an announcement made on our school Facebook page.

A canteen will be open during the day to purchase food and a BBQ will be organised by Miss Meares and her Year 12 team. Students should bring card or cash (no IOUs or phone payments).



#### **EVENTS**

- 100m Freestyle
- 50m Freestyle
- 50m Backstroke
- 50m Breaststroke
- 50m Butterfly
- Relays
- House scramble
- Novelty activities in the 25m pool

#### HOUSE COLOURS AND PARTICIPATION

Rhondda Seaham Stockrington Sugarloaf

All students are encouraged to dress up in their house colours or their school uniform. Students should not wear coloured hairspray or take crepe paper/similar into the pool. Students are encouraged to compete in at least ONE event to earn valuable house points.

Students who are selected to represent West Wallsend High School at the Zone Carnival will swim again on **Wednesday 28 February**. These students will receive additional information closer to the date.

## PRIZES AND COMPETITIONS ON THE DAY

Prizes will be given to the best dressed students on the day and houses with the greatest number of participants on the day.

# MEDICAL + COVID SAFE DISCLAIMER

In preparation for the carnival to make it as COVID-safe as possible students are advised to stay at home if they have any flu like symptoms.

In receiving this information parents/carers acknowledge that this event is to be held in accordance with any current NSW Health COVID-19 Public Health Orders and the NSW Department of Education's policies and procedures. Parents/carers acknowledge and accept that there is a risk that their child may be exposed to COVID-19 whilst attending and participating at this event. Parents/carers confirm that their child will not attend if displaying any symptoms of illness, and/or if directed to isolate under public health orders.

### Medical Disclaimer

Parents/carers please note, there is no personal injury insurance cover provided by the NSW Department of Education for students in relation to school sporting activities, physical education lessons or any other school activity. Parents and caregivers are advised to assess the level and extent of their child's involvement in the sport program offered by the school, zone, area, and state school sport associations when deciding whether additional cover, above that provided by Medicare, is required. The NSW Supplementary Sporting Injuries Benefits Scheme, funded by the NSW Government, covers any injury resulting in the permanent loss of a prescribed faculty or the use of some prescribed part of the body.

We are looking forward to our biggest and best swimming carnival yet in 2024! Any questions may be directed to Sports Coordinator, Mr McPherson on 4953 2111.

Peter McPherson Sports Coordinator Shayne Mason Head Teacher Sport Krystal Bevin