

7 February 2025

WWHS SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2025 INFORMATION

Dear families,

West Wallsend High School's Swimming Carnival will be held **at Speers Point Swim Centre on Tuesday 18 February 2025 (Week 4)**. 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 **Tuesday 11 February**. This does not apply to Year 7 students who have completed a manual form as part of the enrolment process. The \$17 fee includes bus travel and pool entry and is to be paid online via School Bytes by **Friday 14 February**. For students travelling by private transport, a \$6 fee is to be paid by cash or card to a WWHS staff member on the day. Please note: the fee is non-refundable if your young person does not attend.

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 2:30pm by bus. Students will be dismissed from school at the usual bell time of 3:20pm.

Private transport: Students must arrive at the pool by 9:20am for roll call. **All students are expected to remain at the carnival until 2:30pm 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 2:30pm 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 Friday 14 February.* Senior students are expected to remain at the carnival until the 2:30pm roll call.

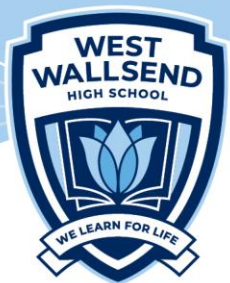
CARNIVAL DETAILS

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 participation in official races and house scrambles. *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.

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EVENTS

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

HOUSE COLOURS AND PARTICIPATION



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 finish in the top 3 in each event will qualify to represent West Wallsend High School at the Westlakes Zone Carnival on **Wednesday 5 March**. 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.

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 2025! Any questions may be directed to Sports Coordinator, Mr McPherson, on 4953 2111.

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Sports Coordinator

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