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Water Policy

A Club For Kids recognises that activities involving water pose particular risks. We also acknowledge that becoming a confident and competent swimmer is essential to children's safety. Swimming increases children's opportunities for fun in leisure and sporting participation. A Club For Kids is committed to exercising extra caution where any water based activity or water based excursion is delivered.

When the swimming program is conducted at a venue where there is no lifeguard (provided by the venue) on duty during times when children are engaged in swimming, an educator who holds a Bronze Medallion or Royal Lifesaver trained staff member, will be in attendance of the pool area at all times, in ADDITION to the programs overall staff to child ratios. Staff student ratio of 1:10 are applied to *Intermediate* and *Advanced* swimmers and staff ratio of 1:5 apply to all *Beginner* swimmers. This includes times when water based activities may be planned and led by external service providers. Where water activities occur outside of the pool environment, a qualified staff member will complete a Risk Assessment of the activity and the environment.

Staff Responsibilities

- Staff and children are divided into groups and separate across a venue, all staff carry mobile phones and are contactable by all other staff members at any time.
- Staff discuss the rules of being near and around water with children before arriving at a pool and/or water based activity.
- Staff are to ensure that they understand the swimming capability and competency of each child participating in swimming or water based activities.
- Staff explain to each child how to signal for help if needed, before entering the pool or water based activity.
- Staff are positioned in manner that supervision of all children occurs at all times near water.
- Staff ensure that children walk and never run, when near water.

Children are permitted to change out of their bathers and into dry clothes before leaving the swimming venue. Children must use the toilets when they are getting changed if they do not feel comfortable in the change rooms.