

Hauraki Primary School

Policy Document

Water Safety

Rationale:

By following the guidelines set down, the school will ensure that children are effectively supervised and encouraged to act responsibly when participating in water based activities.

Purpose:

- To provide all children with a safe environment when engaged in activity in, on, or near water.
- To promote the teaching of sound water safety skills, knowledge and attitudes.

Guidelines:

1. It is an expectation that all children participate in swimming and water safety programmes that are provided.
2. Outside agencies will be utilised on a needs basis to assist in the teaching and assessing of swimming and water safety activities.
3. Adequate and appropriate resources will be provided for the effective teaching and promotion of water safety education and activities.
4. Water based programmes, apart from in school swimming pool, will have an adult/pupil ratio of 1 to 4.
5. A teacher should always be present at waterwise sessions.
6. All practicable steps should be taken to ensure that the standard of safety and use of equipment and instructors meets best practice in line with the waterwise constitution.
7. Provide staff with the opportunity for further development in water safety and teaching.

School pool procedures as follows:

- a) Children swimming in the school pool will be supervised at all times within school hours by a water safety instructor or member of the teaching staff.
- b) Running in the pool area is not permitted at any time.
- c) No supervisor will ever leave the pool complex until all children have left the area, and the gate MUST always be close securely.
- d) All pool chemicals and pool equipment are to be stored in a locked area at all times.
- e) The quality of the pool water should fulfil the requirements of the NZ Standard NZS 5826: 2000 P+ 2: The Operation of Swimming Pools - Schools.
- f) A risk assessment and management check will be undertaken monthly to mitigate any potential hazards in the swimming pool area, and as appropriate other 'water' venues.

Signed:  _____

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Chairperson Board of Trustees

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Related Policies - Health and Safety
- EOTC