

**SCHOOL NO. 4401 - KATANDRA WEST**

Policy Statement:

**CURRICULUM**

**423 - SWIMMING AND WATER SAFETY**

Responsibility:

Health & Physical Education Co-ordinator and Staff

This Policy was last ratified by School Council in August, 2022.

**PURPOSE:**

To ensure that all school swimming programs are safely conducted: and provide students with knowledge and confidence to participate in aquatic activities. Swimming is an important component of the Health & Physical Education curriculum. All students will be given the opportunity to learn basic water safety, survival, swimming techniques and rescue and emergency procedures during our annual program.

**GUIDELINES:**

- The students will be given the opportunity to participate in an intensive, sequential swimming program by appropriately trained swimming instructors.
- The Swimming Program will be for a five day program.
- Each session will be 45 minutes duration.
- The students will be grouped according to their pre-assessed achievement level. Mastery at one level is a pre requisite and facilitated advancement to the next level.
- Parents and DET will cover the cost of running the swimming program.
- Refunds will be given where exceptional circumstances apply, that is, if child does not attend swimming due to exceptional circumstances (eg injury, illness, absence) a pro-rata refund can be requested.

The Principal, in consultation with School Council, may vary this Policy if circumstances require it.