



## Information and Instructions for Parents Season 2024-25

We can now accept the Active & Creative Kids vouchers for payment for our programs.

Program is capped at **60** participants with a wait list after this number has been reached. As children move out of the program, spaces can be filled from our wait list. Assessments will be done regularly throughout the season for all levels. Returning participants will be placed in the level they finished on from the previous season. The first day for **new arrivals**, assessments will be conducted to place them in an appropriate level. This will enable us to see where they fit into our program.

### *Our priority to participate in the program is:*

1. Student's returning from last year to our program, 2. Disadvantaged families and people from CALD Communities who can't afford swimming lessons, 3. Children and adults who cannot swim at all no matter what age and not having lessons at another swim school, 4. Children and adults who are from overseas and are new to the area, 5. Everyone else. There is no cap on how many adults attend our program.

If children are receiving or have been attending lessons at other swim schools, we will wait list them and allocate a position when available. Please be aware of this as we are a volunteer program and therefore like to assist those who are less fortunate to be able learn to swim. There is also the opportunity to swim with Collaroy Swim Club which have handicapped races from a distance of 15m upwards and is a great opportunity for children and adults.

### What to do each Sunday at Lessons

Please have your child's name **marked off by 8.30am** as lessons need to be finished by 9.30am it is important to be on time. Our registrar will give you a coloured numbered disk for the level that your child is in for their lesson.

**Red disks** - Starfish & Seahorse levels - **Yellow disks** Crabs & Jellyfish levels, **Blue disks** Dolphins **Green disks** -Sharks and **Orange** disk for adults. **Adults** please note that lessons for you will start at 8.30am.

- Wait pool side and listen for your colour and number to be called out for the next available teacher.
- Please be patient with us on our busy days. We are all volunteers and we appreciate you and your children participating in the program.
- Stay poolside while lesson is conducted. Lessons last around 10-15mins and collect your child from the teacher after the lesson has finished.
- We request that children bring swim goggles to lessons. Our teachers will teach with and without goggles in each lesson as a component of our program focuses on water safety skills.
- Your child may not have the same teacher each week. This adds variety to each lesson and is good for children as they develop their social skills. All our volunteer swim teachers are qualified and experienced.
- Once the level of Shark is achieved, we would recommend that child graduate to have a trial at the swimming club which starts after our lessons at 10am.
- Certificates are given to each participant throughout and at the program

**Your gold coin donations** each week (optional) is appreciated and go towards training new volunteers as swim teachers, purchase necessary equipment to run our programs and also allows us to support swim programs in Vietnam and Cambodia.

This summer season we will be again conducting a **Swim & Survive Camp** with a focus on improving swimming ability and water safety skills. The date for the Camp is **13-17 January 2025**. Monday to Friday at Collaroy Rockpool at 2-4pm If you are interested in the camp, please talk to us or register online at <https://waterskillsforlife.org.au/swim-program-booking-form/> There will be a fee of **\$70** to participate with more information to follow once numbers and bookings are confirmed.

**Thank you for joining the program. Team Turtles**