

Pool Proficiencies – St Catherine's School Aquatic Centre (Macpherson St, Waverley) - Sunday 8 September 2024

We look forward to seeing you all for your pool proficiency swim on Sunday 8 September!

Please check the timetable below and the swim and skill requirements for each age group on page 2.

Time	Lanes 1-4	Lanes 5-8	Lanes 9-12
11.45am-12.30pm	U8G	U12B & G	U8B
12.45pm-1.30pm	U9G	U13B & G	U9B
1.45pm-2.30pm	U10G	U11B & G	U10B
2.45pm-3.15pm	U14B	U14G	

Age Managers will be running each Age Group proficiency. If you have any particular concerns, please contact your Age Manager.

To encourage a smooth and efficient morning, please:

- Arrive on time, swimmers on, goggles (& cap) in hand and ready to go!
- Walk to the pool if you're local or carpool if you can and head off when you're done.
- Pool entry is on Macpherson St please do not walk through the school (see map below).
- Water Safety required.

A kind request to parents: please don't talk this up unnecessarily with your kids! Yes – it's a safety requirement and they all need to complete it. But they can have a few attempts and extra pressure and nerves don't help!

If you cannot make it, we will run some catch-up proficiencies in Bronte Pool during Nippers, but Sunday 8 September will be the only warm-water opportunity. All ocean swims will take place during Nippers.

Map: St Catherine's School Aquatic Centre





Bronte Nippers Proficiency Requirements

Age group	Swim requirement (continuous freestyle)	Skills requirements	
U6*	No swim requirement**	 In 1 metre water depth: float on back or front for 5 seconds, recover to stand; submerge to touch the bottom with hands; from standing, front glide for 1-2 metres and recover to stand. 	
U7*	No swim requirement**	In 1 metre water depth: • float on back or front for 10 seconds, recover to stand; • submerge to touch bottom with hands; • from standing, front glide for 2-3 metres and recover to stand.	
U8	50m swim (2 laps) including swim underwater 2-3 metres	 float on back or front for 15 seconds, recover to stand; submerge to touch the bottom with hands. 	
U9	150m pool swim in 6 min 150m ocean swim, untimed	 10 second float: 5 seconds on back and 5 seconds on front; 1 minute: treading water/sculling; 	
U10	200m pool swim in 6 min 150m ocean swim, untimed	submerge to touch bottom with hands.	
Ull	200m pool swim in 5:30 min 200m ocean swim, untimed	 10 second float: 5 seconds on back and 5 seconds on front; 2 minutes: treading water/sculling; forward or backward roll / somersault underwater; submerge to touch bottom with hands. 	
U12	200m pool swim in 5 min 200m ocean swim, untimed	 10 second float: 5 seconds on back and 5 seconds on front; 3 minutes: treading water / sculling; forward or backward roll / somersault underwater; 	
U13	200m pool swim in 4.30 min 200m ocean swim, untimed	 submerge to touch bottom with hands. 	
U14	200m pool swim in 4:30 min 200m ocean swim, untimed	 10 second float: 5 seconds on back and 5 seconds on front; 3 minutes: treading water/sculling; forward or backward roll / somersault underwater; and without first resurfacing: touch bottom with hands. 	

^{*}U6 and U7 skills evaluation will be done in Bronte Pool on the first day of Nippers.

Ocean proficiency swims will take place at Nippers from week 1 (surf permitting).

^{**}All nippers (U6-U14) are expected to be in regular swimming lessons or squads. Your children will be safer in the ocean and get much more out of Nippers if they are a confident swimmer.