

# VICTORIAN WATER SAFETY CERTIFICATE

## Aquatic facilities: the what, why and how.

### WHAT?

#### Water safety is as simple as...VWSC!

The **Victorian Water Safety Certificate (VWSC)** is a Victorian Government initiative, which identifies the knowledge and skills required for students to safely enjoy water-based activities in aquatic environments.

The certificate establishes and evaluates minimum swimming and water safety competencies for primary school students. The competencies focus on:

- 1] Water safety knowledge
- 2] Rescue skills
- 3] Survival sequences
- 4] The ability to swim 50m continuously

“Development of knowledge and skills relating to swimming and water safety can significantly reduce a child's drowning risk and enhance community safety.”

### WHY?

#### The VWSC is a Victorian Curriculum requirement.

The Victorian Curriculum requires students to demonstrate the competencies of the Victorian Water Safety Certificate by the time they leave Year 6. The Victorian Government has invested \$23 million in school swimming and water safety education for primary schools.

Based on the needs of their student population, Schools have the flexibility to use the funding for practical swimming and/or water safety education.

### HOW?

#### How can aquatic facilities get involved?

- 1] Aquatic centres play an important role in the VWSC initiative as schools partner with local aquatic facilities to deliver their swimming and water safety programs.
- 2] Aquatic facilities can provide schools with the assistance and guidance to run their swimming and water safety and education programs and order certificates on behalf of schools for those students who meet the VWSC competencies.
- 3] Aquatic facilities can also award VWSC certificates as part of their own water safety and swimming programs.

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