

# VICTORIAN WATER SAFETY CERTIFICATE

## Schools: 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 \$23m in school swimming and water safety education.

Schools have the flexibility to use the funding for practical swimming and/or water safety education. This decision should be determined based on the needs of their student population.

### HOW?

#### How can you meet this curriculum requirement?

- 1] Download free, templates and checklists from the Swimming and Water Safety Toolkit to plan your school swimming and water safety program.  
**Visit: [www.lsv.com.au/toolkit](http://www.lsv.com.au/toolkit)**
- 2] Work with your aquatic provider to ensure students are assessed to the VWSC at the conclusion of the program.
- 3] Use the free, easy online platform to order student's certificates.  
**Visit: [www.lsv.com.au/vwsc](http://www.lsv.com.au/vwsc)**
- 4] Celebrate with an Award Ceremony!



#### Have you ordered yours yet?

For further information or to order Victorian Water Safety Certificates for your students, visit: [www.lsv.com.au/vwsc](http://www.lsv.com.au/vwsc) or contact LSV on (03) 9676 6940 or email: [schoolswimming@lsv.com.au](mailto:schoolswimming@lsv.com.au)