

Please note the Water Safety Ratio is one qualified Life Saving Bronze Medallion holder to every 5 children in the water. These ratios must be strictly adhered to.

General Information

- To enable children to get the most out of the program it would be suitable to group children based on swimming ability. This will enable activities to be catered for each group, with more challenging activities being offered to the confident and competent swimmers. This is also very helpful for our Life Guards.
- There should be one teacher or parent helper assisting the life guard at each activity and managing the rotation of children with a maximum of 5 children in the water at one time. The Life Guards job is to care for 5 children in the water on equipment or swimming, it is difficult if they are required to supervise children on the beach as well.

WATER QUALITY

Life Saving Victoria conducts daily checks of the water quality at beach program destinations by referring to the Environment Protection Authority (EPA) website (www.epa.vic.gov.au/beachreport). Here, the EPA provide daily forecasts on expected bacterial levels present in the water, that may put swimmers at risk after swimming. The water quality forecasts are predictive only and as a general precaution, EPA Victoria advises people not to swim near stormwater drains, rivers, streams and other outlets into the bay during and for at least 24 hours after rainfall. The following is an overview of the beach water quality ratings.

GOOD	Water quality is expected to be suitable for swimming
FAIR	Water quality is expected to be generally suitable for swimming but may be affected by stormwater
POOR	Not recommended for swimming
UNACCEPTABLE	A no swim advisory has been issued for this beach

If the daily forecast or the Club Co-Ordinator determines poor or unacceptable water quality the program will be modified accordingly and conducted as a ‘dry based’ program, or the program will be cancelled.

*EPA water quality forecasting runs from December through to March Only.

CANCELLATION POLICY

Due to the demand for programs run by the Mount Martha Lifesaving Club, a strict cancellation policy applies:

Within 2 weeks of program date	50% of cost total stated above
Extreme Weather cancellation on the day	No charge

In the case of cool and/or wet weather conditions the program will be modified accordingly. However in the case of extreme weather conditions (eg. Storms, lightning, extreme heat) bookings will be cancelled in consultation with the Club Co-Ordinator.

TERMS AND CONDITIONS:

1. Agreement must be completed and signed prior to commencement of program.
2. The rooms and equipment must be left clean and inspected by the club coordinator.
3. All damages must be reported to the club coordinator and the club reimbursed.
4. Only equipment agreed to by the club coordinator is to be used.
5. **The School must be covered by their own Public Liability Insurance.**
6. Hire sheet to be completed and signed by the club coordinator and the school coordinator to enable invoice to be issued.
7. Payment required on receipt of invoice.
8. The Life Guard Coordinator is responsible for the lifeguards, equipment and club house. The school coordinator is responsible for the students, school staff and decisions regarding the program.
9. The School is responsible for ensuring the correct number of Life Guards are supplied, 1 to 5 ratios must be strictly adhered to. The Life Guard Coordinator has the right to stop the program if he/she feels that safety is an issue.

Name:			
Signature:		Date:	

***Please complete and return prior to booking: schools@mmlsc.com.au
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