Learn To Swim Classes (LTS) and Junior Development (JD) Squads

Welcome to the Somerset Swimming Academy.

The following short list of handy tips should help ease you in to our system and hopefully allow you to enjoy the full benefits of our programmes. Please do not hesitate to ask one of our friendly staff should you have any questions.

**Bookings:**
All LTS and JD Squad bookings are taken on a term basis. Term dates for the Academy may not follow school term dates. Bookings automatically carry over to the next term. You must inform the Academy if you wish to cancel lessons for the following term.

**Payments:**
Both LTS and JD Squad bookings must be paid prior to commencing lessons. No refunds will be given following payment. Fees are due by the end of the 2nd week of term. Swimmers may be refused entry to a lesson if fees have not been pre-paid. Eftpos, cash, cheque and Customer Portal options are available.

**Make-up Policy:**
In the event of your child missing a lesson (for example, sickness, holidays or otherwise) a make-up lesson will be permitted in another class provided there are spots available. Make-ups may only take place within the time period (term) of the booking. However, there is no maximum number of make-ups* allowable.

*In cases of contagious medical conditions causing an absence from training, we may require medical documentation/clearance before swimmers return to the pool.

Free make-up swims are offered within each term provided the lesson missed was cancelled and the Academy notified (a no-show# does not allow a make-up swim). If you cannot make it to a lesson, please inform the Academy on 07 5559 7339 as early as possible, providing the opportunity to fill the spot on the day.

#No prior notification from family for absence from lesson
**Saturday Lessons:**

Please note that Saturday morning access/parking to the pool is via Sara Carrigan Court, as the main College gates are closed on the weekends.

**Clothing and Equipment:**

Mums and Bubs swimmers (children) must wear swim nappies. These are available for sale at the Pool Reception if needed. Goggles must be brought to each lesson from Pre-Tadpole and each level above this.

Caps are necessary for any swimmer with hair that may cover their eyes and/or mouth while swimming, as this may interfere with the learning process.

Junior Development swimmers require a kick board and flippers for each lesson. The Academy has a limited supply swimmers may use but cannot guarantee all sizes will be available. It is best for each swimmer to bring their own equipment.

**Watching Lessons:**

Please note that parents are invited to watch their children’s lessons. For Learn To Swim classes, the areas inside each pool’s safety fence are for swimmers and staff only. Parents may enter these areas when invited by the instructors. There is seating available under cover between the two Learn To Swim pools, as well as in the Pool Reception. The notice board in the Learn To Swim enclosure indicates the class teacher’s student list and which pool they are in. For Junior Development classes, parents are asked to keep at least 5m back from the pool edge. There are signs around the pool indicating appropriate viewing areas.

**Somerset Swim Club:**

This is optional (membership fees are required) and a great way for swimmers to develop into a competitive/racing swimmer. The Swim Club offers club nights, club championships, social events and hosts carnivals throughout the year. Please ask your coach or at the Pool Reception for more information.

Appointments to speak with instructors about specific issues can be made with staff through the Pool Reception or Head Coach if required.