

## Anglesea Primary School

# Beach Safety and Awareness

POLICY

### **Rationale:**

The Beach Safety and Awareness Program must offer safe, practical and educational experiences for students to build confidence, skills and awareness so that they may safely swim at the beach.

### **Policy Statement:**

The program to be provided to the students is the 'Life Saving Victoria Open Water Learning Experience Program' (OWLE) The Skills taught within the OWLE program enable students to confidently visit open water environments by increasing their knowledge of risk and hazard identification, safe water entry, rescue and survival techniques and the use of various rescue equipment. The OWLE program focusses on:

- Water Safety, tailored to suit the venue.
- Body Boarding Skills.
- DRABCD, First aid.
- Tubes Rescues.
- Swim/Wade/Dolphin.
- Use of Personal Flotation Devices.

### **Implementation:**

- The Program will be conducted at Point Roadknight Beach.
- The OWLE program must be administered by trained and fully qualified staff. (currently Anglesea Go Ride A Wave).
- Instructor to student ratios whilst in the water must be adhered to strictly. 1:5 instructor – student.
- Adequate supervision of all students on the beach must be provided by teaching staff at all times.
- A trained and fully qualified life guard must be hired from Live Saving Victoria to watch the children in the water.
- A thorough Risk and Safety Management Assessment of the program, venue and hazards must be completed prior to the program commencing each year.
- A thorough Emergency Management Plan must be reviewed each year to clearly outline the protocols if an emergency arises.
- The Anglesea Primary School Sun Smart Policy must be adhered to.

### **Evaluation and review:**

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in....

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### **References and Related Policies:**

*'The Victorian Government Schools Reference Guide'.*  
*The Victorian Curriculum.*