

Pillans Point School

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Guidelines for Community Use of the School Pool

For the purposes of these guidelines, "adult" refers to a person 16 years of age or older, and "children" refers to anyone under 16. "Authorised user" refers to anyone who has been granted access to the pool and signed the pool use contract. Authorised user responsibilities are outlined in the pool use contract.

Guidelines

Pool supervision and safety

In the event of a pool emergency, ring 111 immediately if necessary. Everyone leaves the water and contact is made with the emergency contact for further assistance.

- Children must never be in the pool compound without an adult present, and may not swim without an adult's permission.
 - Children under eight years of age must be **actively supervised** at all times by an adult in the water beside them or at the pool edge beside them.
 - Children under five years of age must have an adult in the water beside them who is in arm's reach at all times.
- Pool users must:
 - walk, not run, around the pool, and may not dive or jump into the pool
 - never enter the pump or chemical shed for any reason.
- No one should swim alone, and no one should swim, or supervise children, under the influence of drugs or alcohol.
- Any serious accident or near miss must be reported to the school.
- Pool users must keep the pool surrounds clear of obstruction that could be a hazard.

A swimming pool first aid kit is available within the compound during the swimming season and available to all pool users during school hours. In addition to a standard first aid kit it may contain resuscitation masks and a foil blanket. A note is clearly displayed requiring any use of the kit to be reported to the school office, so that stocks can be topped up and injuries recorded in the first aid log.

Pool hygiene

- To avoid spreading illness (e.g. those caused by *Cryptosporidium*, *Giardia*, *E. coli*, or norovirus), anyone who has had diarrhoea must not use the pool until two weeks after their symptoms have resolved. This is Ministry of Health advice and a requirement of Water Quality Standard NZS 5826:2010.
- Pool users are encouraged to use the toilet before swimming. Children who are not toilet trained must wear a swim nappy.
- In the event of a faecal accident, diarrhoea, or vomiting in the pool, the pool will be closed until the water quality is tested and restored.

Pool security

- Authorised users must lock the gate when they enter the pool compound and when they leave, and must never tie or leave the gate open for any reason.
- Authorised users must not admit anyone who is not an authorised user.

Related policies

- **Recording and Reporting Accidents, Injuries, and Illness**
- **Smokefree and Vapefree**

Legislation

- Health and Safety at Work Act 2015

Resources

- Ministry of Education | Te Tāhuhu o te Mātauranga: [Manage school pool use](#) 
- Water Quality Standard NZS 5826:2010

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