



Safety Information

For

School Excursions

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BigSplash Waterpark offers its facilities to all school groups ranging from primary to tertiary education.

Teacher / Carer – Student Ratios

School groups visiting BigSplash Waterpark are required to follow the supervision ratios stated below

1 teacher per 15 students (1:15) or as advised local authority

Please note that students with special needs require a full time carer

BigSplash Waterpark Lifeguard Supervision

BigSplash lifeguard supervision is based on 2 standards

1. Swimming ability (Proficient swimmers and non-proficient swimmers)
2. Student behaviour

Being operators of BigSplash Waterpark for over 20 years we believe it is necessary that all school teaching staff and helpers with BigSplash life guards and management work together as a team to provide a splashtacular experience for all students visiting our park.

Normal operational ratios are approximately

1 lifeguard per 100 students

Note: This ratio is based on swimmers in the actual water at one time.

BigSplash Waterpark Supervision

All BigSplash Waterpark staff are trained and hold a current bronze medallion and senior first aid certificate. In addition BigSplash Waterpark conducts an in house training program which is specific to BigSplash rides and operation.

Note: staff wearing green shirts displaying trainee on the back are employees that are undergoing training and probation periods

Park Capacity for school Excursions

BigSplash Waterpark has a capacity to cater for 2500 visitors **however on school excursion days we limit the student numbers on these days.**

Note: During School excursions no public are allowed into the facility

Personal Items

Please ensure that all students and supervising staff attending BigSplash Waterpark wear appropriate swimming attire and have a hat, sunscreen, towel and shoes or thongs.

Safety rules

All students attending an excursion to BigSplash Waterpark must understand and follow the **BigSplash Safety Sheets.**

BIGSPASH SAFETY SHEET

This information should be read or explained to supervising teachers, carers and prior to entering BigSplash Waterpark.

On behalf of the management and staff of BigSplash Waterpark we look forward to your upcoming visit.

BigSplash Waterpark has operated for over 20 years under the current management and we take pride in our safety record. Our staff with your help will provide a day of splashtacular fun and excitement for all. BigSplash Waterpark has safety rules and regulations for all rides and activities. Guests who fail to comply with these rules and regulations may be restricted access to our rides and activities in accordance with Work Cover Authority recommendations.

In meeting our safety guidelines BigSplash will issue schools with wristbands identifying the following

1. **Blue Wrist Band** – Proficient swimmers
2. **Yellow Wrist Band** – Non proficient swimmers
3. No Band – Non Swimmers

Please ensure all Non swimmers do not access the 50 metre pool at any time.

Please ensure all non-proficient/ non swimmers are supervised by a teacher or carer at all times.

Please assist staff and management in providing discipline to students who breach the safety rules and regulations.

Please ensure students do not engage in any aggressive, disruptive and/or unsociable behaviour.

We do not encourage teachers to join the students on the rides or attractions.

For any more clarification on these recommendations please ask management.

Have a splashtacular day.

STUDENT SAFETY SHEET

“Come on down to Bigsplash and Play safe”

All students visiting BigSplash Waterpark must:

- 1:** Read and follow all signs and rules displayed throughout the park.
- 2:** Follow all instructions given by BigSplash Life guards and Staff.
- 3:** Please do no run.
- 4:** Be aware of others.
- 5:** Please respect our park and do not damage, disable or deface any equipment signage or device in the park.
- 6:** Have a splashtacular day.

SCHOOL STUDENT SWIMMING PROFICIENCIES

BigSplash Waterpark recommends that all students are rated in the following swimming proficiencies before attending the facility. Schools should have a record of the known swimming ability of each student. Swimming carnival records should provide the basis. BigSplash will offer its services to provide an aquatic report prior to your visit. (Please contact management)

Swimming Proficiencies

- Proficient: Swimmers who are capable of swimming 20 meters in a recognisable stroke of their choice and maintain a float
- Non-proficient: Students who are not capable of swimming 20 metres in a recognisable stroke unassisted, with limited ability to float
- Non Swimmers: Students who have no swimming ability

On confirmation of your booking Bigsplash Waterpark will issue schools with coloured wrist bands where all non-proficient / non swimmers must wear. Wrist bands are issued as follows

- Proficient Swimmer: **Blue Wrist Band**
- Non-Proficient Swimmer: **Yellow Wrist Band**

Teachers and supervisors must ensure that any students who are deemed to be non-proficient and /or non-swimmers wear these wristbands and any non-swimmers be refrained from swimming in the 50 meter pool. Non-swimmers must be supervised at all times by a teacher or supervisor regardless of BigSplash Waterpark staff supervision.