

A swimmer is shown from the chest up, swimming in a pool. They are wearing a black swim cap with 'MAT2' and 'MA2' visible, and colorful swim goggles. Their arms are extended forward, and they are wearing red swim trunks. The water is a vibrant blue with white splashes around the swimmer.

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LEARN TO SWIM NEWS

A MESSAGE FROM OUR SWIM SCHOOL

As Term 4 kicks off and the warmer weather arrives, we can feel the excitement of the upcoming summer holidays! It's been lovely to see our students return with big smiles and settle back into their routines across all our centres.

This term, our **Water Safety Week** will focus on an essential topic: **beach safety**. Water safety involves more than just knowing how to swim—it's also about making safe choices, avoiding risks, and knowing what to do in an emergency.

In class, students will explore:

- **Managing Difficult Situations** – What to do if they find themselves in trouble, and how to help others safely.
- **Life Jackets** – Understanding when and how to use them properly.
- **Rip Currents** – How to identify a rip and what to do if caught in one.

These lessons aim to build both confidence and critical thinking around water safety—skills that are especially important as summer approaches.

We also want to thank you for your understanding during this busy exam period, as some of our teachers balance their own studies. We're committed to maintaining consistency and quality for our students wherever possible.

As we head towards the festive season, let's all stay safe, enjoy the sunshine, and look forward to a great end to the year!

SWIM SCHOOL IMPORTANT DATES

- 10th-16th – Nov Water Safety Week
This term our focus is on safety at the beach
- 17th Nov – Enrolments open for School Holiday Programs
- 1st-14th December – Re-enrolment opens for Term and Block 1
- 21st December – last day of term

JANUARY HOLIDAY PROGRAM

- 5th to 9th Jan – Week 1
- 12th to 16th Jan – Week 2
- 19th Jan – Block 1 Commences
(AQBH Mon to Fri PM swimmers and weekend)
- 27th Jan – Term 1 Commences
(BB swimmers and AQBH Divers and Mon to Fri AM swimmers)
- 26th Jan Public Holiday

DEC TO JAN TRADING HOURS

Reduced Hours over the holiday period

- 22nd to 23rd Dec – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- 24th Dec to 28th Dec – Closed
- 29th to 31st Dec – 9.00 am to 5.00 pm
- 1st Jan – Closed

Aqualink Box Hill

- 2nd Jan to 18th Jan
Mon to Fri hours – 8.30 to 4pm
Weekend hours 9-1pm
- 19th Jan onwards
Mon to Fri - 8.30 to 7.30 pm
Sat – 8.30 to 5
Sunday 8.30 – 1
- 26th Jan Public Holiday

Blackburn

- 2nd Jan to 4th Jan - CLOSED
- 5th Jan to 17th Jan – 8.30 to 1pm (closed weekends)
- 18th Jan to 25th Jan – Closed due to staff training
- 26th Jan – Public Holiday

OUR SURREY PARK COMMUNITY | [LEARN TO SWIM, CLUB, AND VOLUNTEERS.](#)



THE GET ACTIVE KIDS VOUCHER CLAIM YOURS NOW

**USE DURING RE-ENROLMENT PERIOD
FOR NEXT YEARS FEES FROM 1ST DEC**

Great news for families!

The Get Active Kids Voucher Program now open – which means you could get up to \$200 off your child's swim lessons at Surrey Park Swimming for Term 1.

If your child (0–18 years old) lives in Victoria and meets one of the following, they may be eligible:

Named on a Health Care Card and Medicare Card

Named on a Pensioner Concession Card and Medicare Card

Hold a temporary, provisional or student visa, or be an undocumented migrant

- Reside in Victorian Care Services
- Round 9 applications open 15 October, 10am and close 13 November (or earlier if funds run out).

Just use our Surrey Park Swimming Provider code: 2931371 when applying.

Don't miss out on this amazing saving – enrol your kids into swim lessons today and give them the skills for life, with a little extra help from the Get Active Voucher!

APPLY FOR VOUCHERS NOW

Once you receive your voucher, email it to us during re-enrolment time and we will apply this against term 1 charges.





SAFE SWIMMING SERIES: SAFETY AT THE BEACH

A family beach holiday can turn from fun to frightening in seconds. One day the water is calm and shallow, the next day the tide has changed, the waves are stronger, and conditions are completely different.

Children don't notice these changes, but parents and carers must. Sadly, every summer in Australia, families face tragedy when beach conditions catch swimmers off guard.

Each year, hundreds of drownings occur, and most happen at beaches, during holidays, in summer. The good news is that many of these incidents are preventable with awareness, preparation, and respect for the ocean.

357 drowning deaths were recorded across Australia—a figure 27% higher than the 10-year average. Almost half of these tragedies happened at the coast: 43% (154 deaths) occurred in coastal locations, with 82 drowning deaths (23%) taking place at beaches.

START WITH THE RIGHT BEACH

Choose a beach that suits your child's age and ability. For young kids, look for a gentle slope, shallow water, and minimal waves. Avoid rocks, strong currents, or hidden hazards. You can check the hazard rating of any beach at beachsafe.org.au.

RESPECT THE OCEAN

The ocean is powerful and ever-changing—it is not a swimming pool. Teach children from their very first beach visit to respect the sea, and remind older kids, teens, and adults that conditions can change quickly.

KEY RULES FOR WATER SAFETY

Never turn your back on the sea. Always face the waves.

Stay close to shore. It's safer and easier to get help if needed.

Never swim alone. Swim with friends or family who can help in an emergency.

Touch supervision for young children. Always keep kids under five within arm's reach and children under ten in sight.

Permission before paddling. Kids should always ask an adult before entering the water.

Floatation devices doesn't equal supervision. Lifejackets add protection but don't replace active adult supervision.

Know CPR — in an emergency, you're likely to be the first responder, and having CPR skills can make all the difference in achieving a positive outcome.

[READ FULL ARTICLE HERE](#)

SWIM SCHOOL REMINDERS

BLACKBURN CUSTOMERS

- Please sign in at the check-in kiosks located at reception when you arrive for your lesson.

SIGN IN



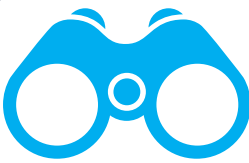
AQUALINK CUSTOMERS

- Please download the Customer Portal App for easy access.
- Use the app to scan the QR code on entry to your lesson.
- If someone else is bringing your child or you sometimes have connection issues, we recommend taking a photo of the QR code in advance.



No photography or video recording

Taking photos or videos at any of our centres is prohibited. As is use of video and recording devices in our change rooms.



Supervision

All children under 10 years old must be actively supervised by an adult during

their lessons. Thanks for helping us keep everyone safe!

MAKE-UP LESSONS

- Please provide at least **1 hour's notice** if you're going to miss a lesson. **Please remember, no notice = no token**
- With this notice, you are eligible to 2 make up tokens per month
- All make-up tokens will be added to your account after the missed class.
- Tokens are valid for 90 days and can only be used if you have an **active current enrolment**.



Reporting Absences

- We strongly recommend reporting any absences through the Customer Portal App.
- Even if you don't need a make-up, letting us know when you're not coming helps others find a make-up spot.
- Your help really makes a difference in keeping the schedule flexible for everyone!

Swimming Questions and progressions

Did you know that you can keep a track of your child's progression on the customer portal. Just look in your child's account and click on the evaluations tab (the one with the star). If you have any questions please feel free to chat with the Lead Instructor on deck. They're always happy to help!

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Swimmers in Level 6 and above must bring short blade fins to each lesson. We sell DMC fins at our Blackburn centre and all swim school families receive 30% off.



SWIM SMARTER LEARN FASTER

**EMBRACE 2 LESSONS WEEKLY FOR
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Enrol in Two Lessons & Get

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DISCOUNT

Did you know? If your child is enrolled in two lessons per week - for example, one swim lesson and one dive lesson, or two swim lessons - you'll receive a 15% discount on the second lesson.

**It's a great way to boost skills
and save!**



CLUB SQUAD NEWS

The 2025–2026 season has kicked off with plenty of energy and excitement!

Surrey Park proudly finished 6th overall in the pointscore at the recent Australian Short Course Championships, held right here in Melbourne.

A huge congratulations to all our athletes on their incredible performances, and a big thank you to our dedicated coaches, parents, and volunteers for their support throughout the event.

What a fantastic team effort, well done, everyone!

Our first major outing at the Firbank Aquastars Meet saw over 120 Surrey Park swimmers compete, an incredible turnout showcasing the depth and enthusiasm across all squads. From first-time racers to seasoned competitors, our athletes represented the Club with pride, teamwork, and determination. These meets are a great way for our new swimmers and families to start their swimming journey.

A big congratulations to our five Surrey Park swimmers who took part in the Queensland Open Water Championships. Competing in open water takes courage, grit, and great preparation, well done to all involved for embracing the challenge and representing our Club so well.

We're looking forward to another busy and rewarding block of racing over the coming months, with opportunities for all swimmers to continue building experience, confidence, and results.

We're excited to announce the return of Junior Club Nights, starting Friday, November 7th.

These nights are a fantastic opportunity for our younger swimmers to experience racing in a relaxed, fun, and supportive environment. They're all about learning, improving, and celebrating progress, while strengthening our sense of club community. Also a great opportunity for parents to get involved and meet new people.

A huge thank you to our coaching team, parents, and volunteers who make everything possible, from early morning training sessions to weekend meets and club events.

Your dedication, encouragement, and commitment define Surrey Park and make it such a great community club with a strong performance mindset.

To our committee members, sponsors, and supportive families, thank you for everything you do behind the scenes. We couldn't do it without you!

Together, we're looking forward to an exciting and successful season ahead.

KEY UPCOMING SWIM MEETS:

- 25 Oct - Metro Junior championships
- 9 Nov - Surrey Park Long Course Meet (Get your LC qualifying times early!)
- 21 Nov - VIC LC Distance Time Trial (Minimum one event entry required)
- 29–30 Nov - VIC Sprint Championships
- 11–15 Dec - VIC Age LC Championships
- 20 Dec - VIC Open Water Championships (Open to all swimmers - get involved!)
- 21 Dec – Surrey Park Club Championships. Mark your calendar for this highlight event!
- 21–23 Jan - Australian Open Water Championships
- 23–25 Jan - VIC Metro LC Championships (TBC)
- 13–15 Feb - VIC Open LC Championships
- 1 Mar - Metro East All Junior Selection
- 22 Mar - Metro East District Championships
- 28–29 Mar - Metro All Junior Championships
- 6–8 Apr - Australian Open Championships
- 11–18 Apr - Australian Age Championships
- 7–13 Jun - Australian Trials Sydney



2025 AUSTRALIAN NATIONALS SHORT COURSE WRAP

Pretty awesome: Surrey Park's best result ever, 6th in the overall club rankings at the 2025 Short Course Open Nationals. The numbers are impressive with 25 swimmers competing in 69 events. In more than 40 of these events swimmers swam PB's - times faster than they have ever swum before. 13 of these swimmers went on to qualify for finals in 28 events, with 5 medals won and a further 4 places in the top 10 in Australia. And in the relays: a gold, two silvers and a bronze.

Truly, these results have been a wonderful reflection on the hard work and commitment not only of the swimmers and their coaches, but also on parents, volunteers, squad mates and indeed the whole of Surrey Park Swimming and it's commitment to all of it's members. And a special mention to Eli Gatica for his commitment and leadership over the past 3 months. Great effort Surrey Park.

MEDALISTS

-  50m Back, Anthony Boussounis
-  1500m Open Women's FS, Arika Erdenko
-  1500m Age Group FS, Arika Erdenko
-  400m Age Group FS, Arika Erdenko
-  800m Age Group FS, Arika Erdenko
-  4x200m Men's FS Relay
-  4x100m Men's Medley Relay
-  4x50m Mixed FS Relay
-  4x100m Men's FS Relay

FINALISTS / TOP 20 FINISHES

- Anthony Boussounis – 50m Back (3rd), 100m Back (4th)
- Riley Cardow – 200m Brst (12th), 100m Brst (15th), 200 IM (12th)
- Daniel Civitarese – 100m Fly (15th), 100 IM (14th), 200 IM (13th)
- Adam Elhefny – 200m Fly (B Final 16th)
- Arika Erdenko – 400m Free (Open 4th), 800m Free (Open 3rd), 1500m Free (Open 4th)
- Alexander Hillman – 50m Back (18th)
- Judy Hussein-Eman – 100m Fly (18th), 200 IM (8th)
- Nas Ikosidekas – 50m Free (20th), 100 IM (12th), 50m Fly (12th), 25m Free (7th)
- Tanin Kursidim – 100 IM (17th), 200 IM (8th), 200 Free (B13th)
- Yuxi Lu (V) – 50m Brst (17th)
- Flynn Phillips – 200m Free (11th)
- Jesse Phillips - 400 Free (17th), 1500 Free (11th), 800 Free (12th)
- James Shiell - 50 Free S14 MC (16th) and 100 Free S14 MC (16th)

2025 VICTORIAN STATE AGE SHORT COURSE WRAP

Finishing 3rd overall, Surrey Park swimmers again performed very strongly at the State Age Short Course champs with swimmers attaining 84 top10 finishes in the state including 16 gold, 14 silver, and 14 bronze medals. As a club, we are proud of all of our 68 swimmers who qualified for the State Age Champs. This is the culmination of many early mornings, dedication, perseverance and commitment. We sincerely believe at the club that developing these traits will not only serve our squad members well as swimmers but also in many other areas of their future study, work and life.

A huge shout out to the coaches and the extended support team that gets our swimmers to this level. Well done all round.

AGE GROUP MEDALISTS



50m FS, Ashton Clements



1500m FS, India Condon



200 Fly, 200 FS Adam Elhefny



400m FS, Arika Erdenko



100 IM, Lachlan Harris



200 Fly, 200 IM, 200 Back, 100 Fly,
400 IM, Judy Hussein-Eman



100 Fly, 200 IM, 50 FS, 400 FS, 200 FS, 100 IM,
200 Back, 200 Fly, Ishaq Ismail



50 FS, 100 IM, 200 Back,
100 Back, Sierra Kaufmann



100 Brst, 100 IM, 200 Brst, Peter Kim



50 FS, Christopher Li



50 FS, Yuxi Lu



100 Fly, Evan Ngiam



1500 FS, Lachlan Patten



800m FS, Grace Richards



50 FS, 200 IM, 100 Brst, 100 FS, 200 FS, 100 IM,
200 Brst, Faridaa Taha



100 Brst, 100 IM, Zhuoyuan Tu



200 Back, Aria Wendt



400 IM, Aston Wilson



4x50 Boy's 12-14 FS Relay



4x50 Girl's 12-18 FS Relay



Boy's 12-14 Medley Relay



Girl's 12-16 Medley Relay



Girl's 12-18 Medley Relay



4x50 Mixed 12-14 FS Relay

OUR SURREY PARK SWIMMING STATE AGE FINALS







COMMITTEE NEWS

President Report section

We hope everyone has settled well into their Term 4 lessons. As we head into the warmer months, it's a great reminder of how important it is to continue swimming lessons. With plenty of water play and outdoor activities ahead, maintaining swimming skills and water confidence is essential for safety and enjoyment. The knowledge and confidence of a capable swimmer can go a long way.

Our Annual General Meeting (AGM) was held on Sunday, 12 October, which we combined with a fun night of bowling and pizza for our club swimmers and families. It was fantastic to see a record number of attendees and share updates from both the swim school and the club over the past year. A major highlight was our success in the Expression of Interest (EOI) process, which means Surrey Park will continue managing the Learn to Swim programs at Aqualink Box Hill for the next five years, a wonderful outcome that ensures stability and continued growth. Members also voted to approve amendments to the SPSC Constitution, and our 2025/2026 Committee was officially announced.

President: Simone Wendt

Vice President: Anthony Clements

Treasurer: Sharyn Frawley

Secretary: Emma Dorrat-Sims

General Committee:

Ash Lim, Daniel Knights, Daniella Greening

Flynn Phillips, Jarrod Condon, and Luke Harris

Looking ahead, the club's Long Course Meet will be held on Saturday, 9 November. This is a great opportunity for swimmers who have recently moved from Level 8 into our beginner squads to experience competition in a friendly, supportive environment. Our last meet saw over 180 Surrey Park swimmers compete, an incredible turnout.

As we near the end of the year, we'll also host our Club Championships on Saturday, 21 December, held at Aqualink Box Hill. We invite all Level 8 swimmers to join in the fun and celebrate the year with us. Keep an eye out for more details in the coming weeks.

With so much to look forward to, the 2025/2026 season across both our swim schools and club is looking bright, and we can't wait to see what's next.

Simone Wendt, President

SAFELY ENGAGING WITH WATER

Beginner adult water safety program for our cultural and linguistically diverse communities

Ready to learn to swim? Our 9 week beginner swim program is open to adults from our multicultural communities. Our program is designed to help you build confidence, learn essential swimming skills, and feel safe in the water - all under the guidance of our friendly swimming instructors!

PROGRAM DETAILS

- > 9 week course (Wednesday 28th January to Wednesday 1st April)
- > 30 minute lessons
- > Wednesday nights: 7:30pm - 8:00pm
- > Located at Aqualink Box Hill
- > Separate Female and Male classes

Classes begin Wednesday 28 January



Expressions of interest are now open for Term 1. Scan the QR Code and build confidence, learn new skills and feel safe in the water **NOW**





CHILD PROTECTION AND SAFE SPORT

Surrey Park Swimming Club is committed to providing a safe, positive, and enjoyable environment for all.

The Victorian Child Safe Standards and Swimming Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy confirm the shared responsibility everybody in the swimming community has to ensure there is an overarching culture of child safety.

Surrey Park Swimming Club has adopted Swimming Australia's National Integrity Framework. The National Integrity Framework (NIF) is a set of rules that all members of our sport need to follow when it comes to their behaviour and conduct in swimming including obligations to report misconduct. These rules are contained in the following policies:

- 1. Safeguarding Children & Young People Policy**
- 2. Member Protection Policy**
- 3. Improper Use of Drugs and Medicine Policy**
- 4. Competition Manipulation & Sports Gambling Policy**
- 5. Complaints, Disputes & Discipline Policy (CDDP)**
- 6. Code of Conduct**

Copies of these policies can be accessed through the National Integrity Framework page on Swimming Australia's website.

Surrey Park members are required, at all times, to comply with any Child Safe Codes of Conduct which the Club may adopt.

Specific additional Codes of Conduct apply for Club members participating in team camps and trips.

In accordance with Swimming Australia's Child Safeguarding Policy and the Victorian Child Safe Standards all applicants for employment at Surrey Park are required to undergo extensive screening and background checks.

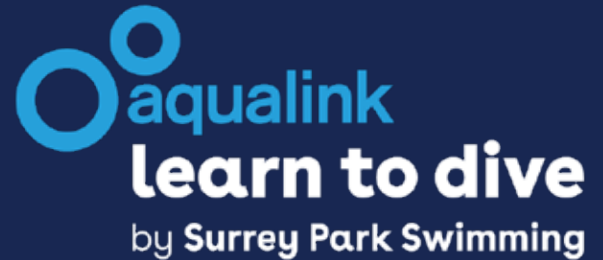
All paid staff, committee members, officials and other volunteers who could potentially have unsupervised contact with children are required to have a valid Working With Children Check.

To find out more and view our policies.

[VIEW OUR POLICIES HERE](#)



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CLUB NIGHTS ARE BACK

SAVE
THE DATES
7, 14 &
28 NOV

Join us for an evening of swimming, skill-building, and racing fun!

WHO'S INVITED?

Level 7, Level 8 (Development Squad), Junior Squads and State Development

SCHEDULE:

5:00 - 5:30 Warm up, 50m Butterfly, 50m Freestyle races, (Level 7 and Level 8 swim 25m)

5:30 - 6:00 Sausage sizzle and social activities/games

WHERE: Aqualink Outdoor Pool

COST: Regular admission prices payable at the Aqualink desk.

DON'T MISS OUT - SEE YOU THERE!

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