



ST PIUS X COLLEGE

CHATSWOOD

1st February, 2017

Dear Parents

Re: Junior School Swimming Carnival

When: Wednesday 8th February

Where: Macquarie University Pool (Gymnasium Rd, off Culloden Road, Macquarie Park)

Time: Commences 9.45am. Presentations/Completion 2pm

Lunch: Boys require a full packed lunch (see below)

The success of this carnival depends largely on the involvement and enthusiasm of your son. All boys are encouraged to participate in at least 3 events to score points for their House and, where appropriate, gain selection in the School Swimming Squad. Non-swimmers are required to participate in at least 2 events (novelty, wading and kickboard races included) and will attend swimming lessons later in the year in order to meet the Junior School objective of being able to swim 50m unassisted. Therefore, barring injury or illness we would expect every boy to take part.

Whilst boys are encouraged to go in as many races as possible, strong swimmers are expected to contest the first 2-3 heats in each stroke as only these will be timed and used for selecting the Swim Squad. **The 25m races are only for those boys that cannot swim 50m in that stroke.** Boys must swim the 50m races to qualify for the School Swim Squad.

Parents are, of course, most welcome to attend and support, and if possible assist with recording on the day. Should you be able to help, please come forward on the day when I ask for assistance.

SPECIFIC INFORMATION

- **Travel:** All boys are to be at school at normal time for roll call and travel to Macquarie University Pool. Buses depart between 8.45-9.00am and the Carnival should commence by 9.45am. The carnival will conclude at 2.00pm and, after presentations, parents may take their sons home **provided the class teacher is informed.** Those boys travelling home with someone else's parents must provide a written note to their class teacher detailing this.
- **Uniform: Compulsory** – Sports uniform with House coloured shirt, speedos / skins / swim shorts (worn under PE shorts), spare underwear, towel, hat and sunscreen.
Swim caps provided by the College. No boardshorts for races.
Optional – Goggles, rash shirts
- **Food: Boys must bring a packed lunch.** There is very limited canteen available at the venue. There will be a lunch break around 12.00pm. No glass is allowed in the facility.

Finally, should any parents wish to assist in some capacity on the day, please come forward when requested, prior to the start of the Carnival (about 9.30am).

Look forward to a great day of action in the water and sportsmanship from the stands.

Yours Sincerely

Greg Virgona
Junior School Sportsmaster