

2023 Benowa SHS House Swimming Carnival

23 January 2023

Dear Parents/Guardians

The Benowa SHS House Swimming Carnival will be held as a whole school event again in 2023. The carnival is being held on Monday, 13 February 2023 at the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport.

Students have the opportunity to travel directly to the venue **or** to catch a school provided bus. Buses will be organised to transport students from Benowa High to and from the pool **for those students needing transport**. Students wishing to organise a seat on these buses must have submitted their Permission for Carnival Transport forms. To book a seat on the bus, you must pay your Swim Carnival Bus invoice via **BPOINT only**, by Monday, 6 February 2023. Invoices with a BPOINT payment link will be emailed out on Friday, 27 January, 2023. Parents/guardians may arrange for their student/s to travel to and from the pool by private/public transport if it is more convenient. However, all students must be **collected from or leave the pool by 2.45pm**. No Benowa students can remain inside the Gold Coast Aquatic Centre after this time.

Date: Monday, 13 February 2023

Venue: Gold Coast Aquatic Centre, Southport (Marine Parade, Southport - adjacent The Broadwater Parklands).

Cost: A \$12 fee for students wishing to take the bus. Entry to the pool for students is free.

Forms: All students attending the carnival must have completed and returned the 2023 Carnival, HPE, Inter-School Sport Events Participation & Transport Consent Confirmation.

Buses: Buses depart Benowa SHS at **8:45am**. Students catching the bus must meet in the Sports Hall at 8:30am before boarding the buses departing from the Benowa Road bus stop.

Drop off: Students can be dropped off in the carpark in front of Aquatic Centre that is accessed from Marine Parade between 8:00am and 8:35am.

Schedule: **8:35am – 8:55am:** Roll marking at both school and pool.

9:15am: Carnival commences.

2:15pm: Approximate carnival finishing time, buses start returning students to school.

After the school supplied buses have departed for Benowa SHS we will allow those students who have organised private transport to leave the pool complex. We anticipate that this will be at approximately 2:25pm. All students must leave the complex by 2:45pm.

Canteen: An onsite cafe is available however, all students are encouraged to bring their own lunches and water bottles.

Sun safety: Students should wear a shirt in their House colour that offers sun protection and a hat. Students should regularly apply sunscreen throughout the carnival. Sunscreen will be available in each House area. Students should also ensure they bring a water bottle.

Medical: Please ensure that all medical information is up to date on your child's OneSchool profile. If their medical details have changed, please use the attached medical form and submit to the office prior to the carnival.

Please Note: This is a normal school day and students are expected to be in attendance for the entire duration of the carnival. In the event that a student has an unavoidable appointment then late arrival/early leave arrangements **MUST** be made two school days prior to the carnival with School Administration. Students will **not** be permitted to depart the venue throughout the day unless prior arrangements have been made with a member of the Administration team.

Parents are requested to support this process by not contacting the school asking for early departure for their child if students have called home and communicated their desire to leave the carnival early.

There may be specific processes required to adhere to COVID-19 restrictions for the event. Given the always changing nature of this, the school will be in touch with students and parents prior to the event to ensure the information is up to date and accurate. At this stage, family members are welcome to come along to support their student/s on the day however, school aged children from other schools will not be permitted in the venue. We also respectfully request for your support in our desire to have students supporting from the allocated House areas and parents in the separate friends and family section.

If you have any questions, please feel free to email **Mr Ian Hutchison** on ihutc2@eq.edu.au.

Yours faithfully,



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