

Student and their Activities

We would like to make things easier for school staff bringing students to aquatics so this document is about student activity choices.

As teachers you know how uncomfortable it is when you are asked to run a class that is out of your specialist area. At aquatics we have a similar dilemma but because having someone teach an activity without the exact qualification is considered by DECD to be a safety risk we have to make sure instructors are rostered on activities for which they hold the appropriate qualification.

We have 8 different activities that students can choose from – surfing, body boarding, kayaking, snorkelling, windsurfing, wave-ski, stand-up-paddle boarding and fishing .

The ideal ratio for aquatics is 6 students for each instructor. When we send out the paperwork before you come down it includes a form called 'Final Numbers'. Given the number of students you are bringing we suggest the groups you can put your students in. From here there are three choices.

1. Organise the students into the groups suggested.
2. Use the suggested list, but change it slightly, having negotiated this with us given our equipment constraints.
3. Let the students choose what they want to do, organise the groups and negotiate with us on those groups.

If you are going with option 1 we are happy for you to return the final numbers paperwork and leave it at that.

However if you are going for option 2 or 3, we need to know your student choices **3 weeks** before your school attends aquatics, so we can roster instructors appropriately.

I would like to give you an example:

If you are bringing down say 48 students then you will be allocated 8 instructors. Our system will suggest the following 8 groups

- 1 group kayaking
- 1 group surfing
- 1 groups body boarding
- 1 groups snorkelling
- 1 group windsurfing
- 1 group stand up paddle boarding
- 1 group wave-ski
- 1 group fishing

If you can organise your students into these 8 groups then you do not need to contact us. We would however be grateful if you could indicate that you are going with the suggested groups when you return your final numbers form.

If for example you find that you have 6 students who would rather surf than body board and you let us know **at least 3 weeks in advance** and we have the equipment available, we will be happy to change your activities.

If your students want to do something different - for example half want to body board and half want to snorkel, then again **if you let us know 3 weeks in advance** and if we have the equipment available, we will be happy to accommodate you.

Please talk to us, and talk to us early – it makes things work better for everyone.

As you know if you are a government school then you can bring your students down for four sessions and the government will pay for the instructors.

You can let the students do the same activity for 4 sessions - they can do 2 different activities or they can do 4 different activities. If students change activities it is really helpful if you can let us know.

Taking our mythical students -

- If they do the same activity for 4 sessions and you tell us, we will try and roster the same instructor on for all 4 sessions.
- If the students are doing 2 different activities (we call this the A,B combination) – again if we know we will try and keep the instructors with their groups.
- If the students are doing 4 different activities we can give you a grid of groups and then if possible the instructors will stay with their group all day. An example of a grid is below:

Group	9:30am	11:00am	1:00pm	2:20pm
1	Surfing	Kayaking	Snorkelling	Windsurfing
2	Wave-ski	SUP	Body-boarding	Fishing
3	Body-boarding	Fishing	Surfing	Kayaking
4	Snorkelling	Windsurfing	Wave-ski	SUP
5	Surfing	Wave-ski	SUP	Body-boarding
6	Wind-surfing	Snorkelling	Fishing	Surfing
7	Fishing	Surfing	Kayaking	Wave-ski
8	Kayaking	Body-boarding	Wind-surfing	Snorkelling

Thank you for taking the time to read this and in advance thank you for bringing your students down to the Port Noarlunga Aquatic Centre. We hope you have a very enjoyable experience.

Regards

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