

Safe Supervision

Council requires all user groups or hirers to adhere to the guidelines outlined in the table below for 'Safe Supervision at an Aquatic Centre'

ACTIVITY/PROGRAM	SAFE SUPERVISION	QUALIFICATIONS REQUIRED
School Initiated Intensive Learn to Swim Programs in confined shallow water.	<p>Beginners - little or no experience</p> <p>1 : 10</p> <p>Intermediate - able to achieve basic survival skills</p> <p>1 : 12</p> <p>In addition to providing staff to fulfill instructional requirements, schools should ensure that arrangements have been made for supervision of the deck and for students who leave their instructional group for any reason.</p>	<p>Teachers or Community Instructors engaged to INSTRUCT in Learn to Swim classes must possess the AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Qualification.</p> <p>Teachers must be in direct contact with their class at all times.</p> <p>At least one of the Supervising Teachers must possess recognized current training in CPR.</p>
Recreational Swimming which may be incorporated in weekly Swimming Programs, School Excursions or Activity Days including the use of the Splash Pad and inflatable devices.	<p>Schools must arrange for sufficient staff to control the activity.</p> <p>There should be a Minimum of two (2) Adult Supervisors present at all times.</p> <p>All Supervisors must have the expertise to implement safety procedures.</p> <p>The number of Supervising teachers will depend on Student numbers and the type of Activity and the Conditions at the Venue.</p> <p>However, the supervision ratio must not exceed 1:20.</p>	<p>At Least one (1) of the Supervising Teachers must possess recognized current training in CPR (up to date).</p> <p>At Least one (1) of the Supervising Teachers must hold current qualifications in one (1) of the following: AUSTSWIM Teacher of Swimming and Water Safety Certificate, RLSSA Bronze Medallion, Swimming Teacher Rescue Award, SLSSA Patrol Bronze Medallion or SLSSA Surf Rescue Certificate.</p>

Weekly / Intensive Training and Instruction providing for the teaching of Life Saving and Advanced Swimming.

Group size will depend on a number of factors. As a guide, a 1:15 Ratio for Life Saving classes is recommended for Swimmers able to Swim 25 meters or more confidently using a recognized swimming stroke.

The Teacher / Instructor must have appropriate Expertise and / or Training in the Teaching / Instruction / Coaching of Swimming.

At Least one (1) of the Supervising Teachers have received current training in CPR (up to date).



Children under the age of six (6) years will be provided with a compulsory Keep Watch @ Public Pools Wristband which must be worn at all times. This wristband(s) will be the responsibility of the parent or carer to ensure they are applied and worn at all times within Council's Aquatic Centre's. These wristbands will be provided by Maitland City Council either at the admissions counter or within the facility.

