



Swimming Carnival 2025 for 2026 – St James' Kotara South

Dear Families

St James' will be holding their annual **School Swimming Carnival** for students who will be in **Years 2 – 6 NEXT YEAR 2026** on Friday 12th December 2025. Therefore, we will be taking all students currently in Years 1-5. Kindergarten and Year 6 will remain at school.

Carnival details are as follows:

Date: Friday 12th December 2025

Venue: The Forum Swim Centre, Newcastle University

Time: Children should meet at school by 8.45am. Buses will leave at 9.00am sharp and arrive back at school by 2.30pm

Uniform: Children need to wear their school sport uniform over the top of their appropriate swimwear to the carnival. Girls are to wear a full piece swimsuit (Regional and Diocesan requirement).

What you will need to do:

Students are to **pre-select the events** they will swim in. Please discuss with your child which events they are capable of entering. If your child is **unable** to swim butterfly or breaststroke using the correct technique, please do not enter this particular event.

The 25 metre and kickboard races are non-competitive events to provide an opportunity for the less serious swimmers to participate in the carnival. If your child elects to compete in either of these events, they **CAN NOT** compete in other races on the day. This is due to time restrictions and ensuring the carnival runs on time. **Children can only elect to do one 25 metre swim OR one kickboard NOT BOTH**

Children who wish to progress to the Regional level must compete in the 50m and/or 100m races. There will be no finals on the day. Progression will be based on students' times in their relevant races.

A lifesaver will be present on the day.

Important things to note:

- Children should bring a packed lunch with a variety of nutritious treats and water. There will be no canteen available on the day. There is a café at the Forum for parents.
- A **\$3.00 spectator's fee** will apply to all visitors, exclusive of teachers and carnival volunteers. This fee must be paid to Reception staff by visitors on arrival.
- Written permission must be provided for students travelling home with alternate carers.

- **Parking and Transport-** All parking is controlled by the University of Newcastle, not NUsport. University parking regulations apply to all vehicles between the hours of 8:00am to 5:30pm weekdays throughout the year, even during University holidays. All NUsport car parks have a two-hour parking restriction; **Free all day parking is available in car parks P14 and P16 only** (check signage). All vehicles must display a parking ticket, which can be purchased from ticket machines at the entry to all car parks. All vehicles must be parked in designated parking bays. Parking infringements will be issued by the University of Newcastle.

BEFORE Friday 28th November (Week 7)

Please respond to the Compass Event to give your child permission to attend the carnival. You will also need to nominate which events your child would like to compete in.

Please indicate whether or not you would like to volunteer as a parent helper on the day (volunteer clearance essential.)

This year we will conclude our carnival with a teachers and parents novelty relay. Please email myself if you are interested in being a part of this.

Nominations and permission must be entered **no later than FRIDAY 28TH November (Week 7).**

This will allow time for entering the whole school data in order to run a successful event.

We are looking forward to this opportunity to come together as a school community. What a fabulous way to end the school year!

Kind regards,

Tegan Fry

Sports Organiser