27 November 2015

Dear Parent/Guardian

**HVGS Secondary School Swimming Carnival**

The annual Hunter Valley Grammar School Secondary School Swimming carnival will be held on **Thursday 18 February, 2016** at East Maitland Pool, Narang Street, East Maitland.

**Relevant information for parents:**

**Times**
Students are to travel to school for roll call at 8:30am. Students are not to make their own way to the pool. No student is to leave until the completion of the Carnival after final roll call.

**Program**
A copy of the HVGS program can be viewed on the school website and HVGS Moodle.

**Attendance**
Participation in the Carnival is compulsory. If you cannot participate on the day you will need to report with a note or doctor’s certificate.

**Transport**
After roll call at school all students will be transported to East Maitland Pool by bus. Buses will return the students to School in the afternoon for their regular buses.

**Lunch**
The canteen facilities will be available on the day, however service will be limited. Students should attempt to bring all food requirements for the day with them.

**Equipment**
Sunscreen, hat and sunglasses
Towel
Goggles (optional)
Appropriate swimwear – girls must wear one piece swimmers

**Dress**
Students must travel to and from School in the full School sports uniform. Students are to change into house coloured shirts when they arrive at the pool. **No fancy dress.**
Out of Bounds
All toddler pools and grass areas are out of bounds. Students are to be seated in their allocated House area when they are not competing.

Medical
Students who suffer from a medical condition e.g. asthma that may impact their involvement in the carnival are to take all necessary precautions and carry their puffer at the carnival.

Cancellation
In the event of cancellation, students will be informed at school and classes will resume as normal. An e-blast will be sent to parents.

Qualification for HRIS
Swimmers will qualify for the HRIS Representative Carnival if they are placed first or second overall in the event. Remember there are several heats in most events so results will be entirely determined on times.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION
UNSTRUCTURED WATER ACTIVITY CLASSIFICATION FOR SCHOOL CAMPS WILL TAKE PLACE AT THE SWIMMING CARNIVAL
In accordance with guidelines all students must be tested and classified on their swimming ability to enable them to partake in unstructured water activity. All Year 7, 8, 9 & 10 students will be required to undergo this classification prior to participating in the annual school camps which take place in week 10 of term 1 for Years 7 to 10. No other day has been set aside for classification therefore all students should come prepared to undergo classification at the swimming carnival. Any student who is not classified will be unable to participate in unstructured water activity during the camp.

Parents and friends are welcome to attend the Carnival and support their children on the day.

If you have any enquiries please direct them to Ms Amanda Osmond on 4934 2444 during school hours.

Yours sincerely

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