



HARRISTOWN STATE HIGH

5 Hennessey St, Toowoomba Q 4350
PO Box 156, Drayton North Q 4350
Phone: 07 4636 8700

Email: principal@harristownshs.eq.edu.au
Web: www.harristownshs.eq.edu.au
ABN: 21 677 021 200

INTERHOUSE SWIMMING CARNIVAL 2026

Dear Parent/Carer

The HSHS Interhouse Swimming Carnival is an all-school event with **NO** timetabled classes occurring. Details of the carnival are as follows:

Date	Friday 13th February, 2026
Venue & contact	Milne Bay Aquatic Centre, Victoria Street, Toowoomba. Ph: 07 4688 6330.
Transport	Students will be transported to and from the pool by bus.
Carnival Times	Depart Bus Interchange: 9.10am. Return to school by 3pm.
Dress code	House colours or Harristown SHS Sports Uniform. NO BODY PAINT, COLOURED ZINC CREAM OR CREPE PAPER. SUITABLE SWIMMING ATTIRE MUST BE WORN (i.e. nylon or lycra – no cotton T Shirts to be worn in pool). Limits on changeroom capacity exist so wear togs to school where possible.
Meals	Students must bring personal lunches and a water bottle. Access to the canteen will be very limited.
Behaviour Expectations	Students are expected to comply with the school's Student Code of Conduct 2025-2028 (refer to school website for details). School policy applies for mobile phone and digital device usage.
Supervision	School staff will attend to assist with the running of the event.
Emergency Contact	Via school office on 4636 8700.
Risk level	Activities involved carry HIGH risks with a likely chance of requiring medical attention. Risk management processes are in place to minimise the chance of injury occurring but injuries still occur despite this. It is strongly recommended that students wear any applicable personal protective equipment relevant to this physical activity. The Department of Education does not have personal accident insurance cover for students. If a student is injured while participating in an activity, all costs associated with the injury are the responsibility of the parent/carer. Some incidental medical costs may be covered by Medicare and/or by your private health insurance provider, if applicable. Decisions about private insurance cover/level of cover are decided by parents/carers. Please take this into consideration in deciding whether or not to allow the child/student to participate in this activity. Despite the school putting measures in place to minimise risk to students, safety is a shared responsibility; alongside our staff and the venue's lifeguards, students must exercise personal judgment regarding their swimming ability. Participation is contingent upon the student's ability to safely and independently complete a full length of the 50m pool.
Medical Information	Qualified first aid personnel will be on site and student medical information; student emergency contacts and first aid kit will be on hand. An ambulance will be called if required. Milne Bay lifeguards will collaborate with HSHS staff to monitor students while swimming. Please note that if a student's swimming ability isn't deemed at a safe level for the swimming carnival event, they may be asked to stop and be assisted to exit the pool before completing their event.
Permission	Please note that as this whole-school event is a part of the annual school routine, permission for students to attend is given at enrolment. There will be no alternative supervision option for students.
Media Information	Images may be taken as part of this activity by the school (staff and/or students), the venues and/or the media and used publicly. Students without permission are responsible for removing themselves from photographs and video.
Cost	Nil
Sun safety	Personal hat, sunscreen and water bottle are required. Water and sunscreen will be available for those who do not have any.

Students will meet in their house meeting areas when the 8:45am morning bell sounds.

House meeting areas: **Balkuin** – Lecture Theatre | **Barang** – Blue Gym | **Bonda** - Auditorium | **Dherwain** – Yellow Gym

At House Meetings students will receive a wrist band to identify their house and have a number written on their band for the purposes of identification for the carnival results database. After this, students will move to the buses under staff direction.

ALL students are to travel to and from the pool by bus. At the end of the carnival, students will be transported back to Harristown SHS and will assemble back in the Yellow Gym waiting for the 3pm bell.

If students are required to leave from the pool at any time throughout the day, normal sign-out procedures should be followed. A signed leave request slip obtained from the office, along with the signed note from a parent, will need to be presented to staff at the shallow end gate, at the requested time of departure.

Decisions about cancellation due to weather will be made by 7am on 13/2/26. Check the HSHS website/Facebook page for notification.

Any questions, please feel free to contact Mr Krisanski on 07 4636 8700.

Jamie Krisanski
Sports Coordinator

Glen Martin
HOD - HPE

Craig Forknall
Deputy Principal