



Rottneest Channel Swim 2022

Information Package





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Dear Parent/Guardian/Student

Because of the immense interest in the annual Rottnest Channel Swim it is necessary to be prepared for the event early. Entries for the event will be accepted in October 2021 by The Rottnest Channel Swim Association and allocated on a basis of first come first registered.

We have the boats, equipment and crews available to enter three teams of four in the event in 2022. The School's policy is to maximize the opportunities for the students of the School by entering this category before entering Duos or Solos. Depending on initial responses, requests to enter the event as a Duo or a Solo may be considered.

The entry fee is paid with the entry form in October 2021. The minimum age for competitors is 14 years old on the day of the event. The 2022 swim will be held on Saturday 26 February 2022.

To be eligible to swim for the school in the event the student must be enrolled with the school as a continuing student as at the date of the swim.

Families should be aware that the event is expensive and should not be entered into lightly. The entry fee is \$275 per swimmer; the support boats for each team could cost anywhere up to \$400 approximately for the weekend. The chalets at Cottesloe, that we book each year, cost an average of \$290 per night for two nights.

The student will need to commit to a season-long training regime with a registered swimming club or the School Squad. They will be required to submit a log or a statutory declaration from their coach, indicating that they have achieved a minimum of 3 hours per week (average), at the end of September before being considered for selection in a School team. The teams will be announced in the first week of Term 4.

Attached to this letter is an outline of the selection criteria for the event and the Expression of Interest form to take part in the event as a member of a School team.

If you would like your son/daughter to compete in this unique event can you please return the attached application form to the undersigned through the School's Administration office by Wednesday, 31 March 2021?

R W Marshall
Swimming Coach and Coordinator

11 March 2021





Rottnest Channel Swim Selection Policy and Criteria

One of the objectives of the School's swimming programme is to prepare students to accept the challenge of participating in open water events such as the Busselton Jetty Swim and the Rottnest Channel Swim.

In the Busselton Jetty Swim all students are encouraged to enter either in a team of four, duo or solo categories, taking into account their skill and capability. Most are capable of and are therefore encouraged to swim the solo distance of 3.6 kilometres

In the case of the Rottnest Channel Swim, the mandatory event requirements of escort vessels (6.5 metres or longer), inflatable rubber boats, kayaks, crews and paddlers for each team limits the number of entries that the School can enter. Therefore a selection criteria and a policy has been devised to maximise the opportunity available to participate for students interested in entering the Rottnest Channel Swim.

Selection Policy and Criteria

The sole Selector will be the School Secondary Swimming Coach and Coordinator.

The School will endeavour to enter a minimum of 2 x Teams of Four each year.

Consideration will be given to applications to enter Duo or Solo entries but priority will be given to Teams of Four to maximise the opportunity for the greatest number of students to participate. In the interests of equality, the selector will aim for a team of boys and a team of girls. However this does not preclude consideration being given to mixed teams of four.

Students must be enrolled as a continuing student of the school at the date of the swim.

Students must commit to a training programme with the School Swim Squad or a recognised Swimming Club or Squad of not less than 3 pool or open water training hours a week average for the year. Students are advised that they will not be considered for selection if undergoing a solo programme of preparation without a recognised coach or instructor.

Students will be expected to attend an Open Water Trial session on the first Saturday of each calendar month for the Winter Semester and twice monthly during the Summer Semester (weather permitting).

Students must prove their swimming ability and open water experience by entering an Open Water Swim of not less than 1.25 km or no more than 5 km prior to the Rottnest Channel Swim Entry date.

Students accepted for School teams will be expected to complete the Busselton Jetty Swim as a Solo entrant, as a part of their preparation for the swim.

Priority in selection will be given older students. That is Year 12 before Year 11 and so on.

Priority in selection will also be given to students that have not had the opportunity to compete in the Rottnest Channel Swim before, although consideration may need to be given to including an experienced swimmer in each team.





Expression of Interest Form for Students wanting to be considered for selection in a School team in the Rottnest Channel Swim, Saturday 26 February 2022

Student Name: _____ **Year Group:** ____ **Birthdate:** _____

The School has checked with the organisers and is satisfied that the Rottnest Channel Swim will be run within the guidelines specified in the School's Excursion Policy. This includes appropriately qualified staff, safety issues appropriate for the event. The event will include supervision by School staff at an appropriate staff/student ratio.

Students and families need to carefully check the conditions of entry set by the school in its Selection Criteria before applying to be considered for selection in a team.

Please can you sign in the space provided below to give permission for your son or daughter to be considered for selection in a Bunbury Cathedral Grammar School team in the 2022 Rottnest Channel Swim?

Preference: Team of Four Duo Solo **(Please circle option)**

Signature of Parent/Guardian

Date

