



JPC 2021 Carnivals Swimming, Athletics & Cross Country

Dear Parents/Carers,

In 2021, St John Paul II College will be holding their annual sporting events of Swimming, Athletics and Cross Country in Semester 1. These carnivals are **compulsory** whole school events and attendance is required like any regular school day. They are an excellent opportunity for all students to make their contribution to the JPC community and develop their relationships with peers and teachers.

Please be aware that due to **Covid restrictions, parents, carers will NOT be** able to attend these events. If restrictions change in the future, there will be updates made available on the school website.




The cost for the carnivals has been covered by the local excursion levy in school fees, so no payment for these days is required.

On the day of the carnivals, students are required to arrive at school at the normal time (unless attending early races) and attend Pastoral Care class as usual. At the end of the day, they will return to the College for the regular finish time of 3:35pm. If students have alternative arrival or departure requirements on these days, they **MUST** bring a note **PRIOR TO THE DATE OF THE CARNIVAL** and sign in/out with office staff at the event. **Notes on the day will not be accepted.**

Students are expected to conduct themselves safely and appropriately at all times during the three events. Parents of students who do not conduct themselves in the manner expected of St John Paul II College will be called and asked to collect their child on the day. **All students are expected to apply sunscreen regularly, bring and wear their school hat and drink plenty of water.** School uniform is not required, however, students are encouraged to wear their house colours on the day (**for Cross Country students are to wear their full school uniform until after lunch*). Students will still need to wear appropriate clothing with **covered shoulders and no exposed midriffs** when not competing. iPads, iPods and other technology/devices should not be brought to school and are not permitted at the carnivals.

Students who intend on arriving or departing any of the events at an alternative time will need to be appropriately signed in and out by parents/carers with office staff at the venue, on the day. Students who attend all three carnivals will be eligible for a school reward at the end of 2021 for their participation and contribution to the life of the College.

Below are the dates and venues for the 2021 carnivals, along with additional information for each event.

Carnival		Date	Venue
Swimming		Friday 19 th February, Term 1, Week 3	Big Splash Jamison
Athletics		Friday 12 th March: Term 1, Week 6	Amaroo Oval
Cross Country		Friday 7 th May: Term 2, Week 3	JPC Oval

SWIMMING CARNIVAL

The 2021 swimming carnival will consist of a formal swimming carnival, followed by a community afternoon of free swimming and slides. Students will travel to and from Big Splash by chartered ACTION buses. *Parental permission is required on the following page for travel to this event.* Along with the above clothing expectations, for this event only thongs **are** considered acceptable footwear. Food will be available for purchase from the Big Splash canteen at the conclusion of competitive races, however, students are still encouraged to bring their own food and water for the day.

All students' swimming competency will be tested upon arrival at Big Splash in the morning. Arm bands will be worn by students who complete the swimming test, indicating their swimming competency. This will assist staff and life guards with safety and supervision. Students who do not complete the test will still be able to enter allocated pools under the supervision of staff and lifeguards.

NOTE: Students who wish to participate in the 200m Individual Medley, 100m events and all Butterfly events are asked to make their own way to Big Splash by 8:15am to compete in these events from 8:30am before the rest of the school arrives. This is due to time restraints. There will be room on the return bus trip to school for these students. Please see Mr Mitchell prior to the day to inform him of your intention of arriving early.

ATHLETICS CARNIVAL

The 2021- Athletics Carnival will consist of a variety of track, field and novelty events, ensuring optimal participation for all. Students will travel to the event by foot and will be guided to Amaroo Oval by staff. **If your child cannot walk to and from the carnival (approx. 5km) due to a medical reason, please contact Mr Mitchell before 11th March to make alternate arrangements (the expectation is that students walk a a group together).** There will be no canteen available, therefore, students must ensure they bring their own food and water on the day.

CROSS COUNTRY CARNIVAL

The 2021 Cross Country carnival will be held at the College in Periods 4 and 5 on the allocated date. Students are required to wear full school uniform and attend regular classes for the beginning of the day. They will be allowed to change into sports uniform or house colours from lunch time.

This year, the Cross Country Carnival will allow students to compete in a competitive race and/or a participation-based novelty event. The carnival will also have a range of fun activities available to develop community spirit and involvement. Full details of these proceedings will be provided to students during Physical Education lessons and through the JPC Sport Moodle page closer to the date.

Should you have any further questions regarding any of the carnivals, please do not hesitate to contact me via email Gregory.mitchell@cg.catholic.edu.au or at the school on **02 6163 4800**.

Kind Regards
Gregory Mitchell
Sports Facilitator



While there is no specific permission for the Cross Country carnival, we do require permission for students to attend the Swimming and Athletics Carnivals. Please complete the permissions section on Qkr by Friday 12th February, 2021 (Week 2).

EXCURSION:	St John Paul II College Swimming Carnival/ Athletics Carnival
DATE OF EXCURSION:	Friday, 19th February, 2021/ Friday 12th March, 2021
DESTINATION:	Big Splash Water Park - Catchpole St, Macquarie/ Amaroo Oval
START:	At School 8:55am (normal start and finish times for the day)
FINISH:	3:35pm at school
COST PER PUPIL :	NIL
MEANS OF TRANSPORT:	Action Buses (Swimming), by Foot (Athletics)
CONTACT STAFF ORGANISER:	Mr Gregory Mitchell
PERMISSION ON Qkr DUE DATE:	Friday, 12th February 2021
