



ACTIVE SCHOOLS PROGRAM 2026



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WHY CHOOSE BALC?

At Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre (BALC), we're proud to support schools, kindergartens and community groups in Ballarat and surrounding areas achieve their health and wellbeing goals. Our diverse range of programs are designed to be flexible and inclusive, ensuring every student can participate, thrive and most importantly, have fun alongside their classmates.

Our team of qualified and experienced teachers and coaches must update their knowledge and skills regularly. All staff have completed a mandatory police check and hold a current Working With Children check as well as current qualifications relative to their position.

We are committed to supporting the Victorian curriculum with our gymnastics and aquatic programs. Our programs are aligned with the Victorian curriculum reporting system as a demonstration of our commitment to delivering high quality programs.

Inclusion is at the heart of everything we do. Our programs focus on creating an inclusive environment to allow all students to thrive. We achieve this by working closely with our groups to understand individual students needs and how to best cater for them. We have a strong 'no student left behind' philosophy and can work with groups to ensure all students are engaging in, and getting the most out of the programs we offer, in a supportive and nurturing environment.

We look forward to welcoming your school to BALC!

Full reporting back to schools
for Swim & Survive program

Fully qualified teachers
and coaches

Free swimming in term booking
for Swim & Survive students

Variable pool depths means
competency in all environments

Group Fitness
classes for all abilities

Combine swimming &
gymnastics in the one place

Dedicated group change
rooms for school groups

Fully equipped gymnastics
hall for all abilities

WHATS NEW IN 2026

NEW!

ALL IN MOVEMENT (AIM) PROGRAM

The AIM program is a new initiative designed to support students with additional needs through small group sessions in both swimming and gymnastics. Each session is tailored to meet the needs of the student group, with a flexible structure that can be adapted for different year levels.

Our AIM program is committed to creating inclusive opportunities where students who require additional support can thrive. BALC swim teachers and gymnastics coaching staff are experienced in working with a wide range of additional needs and collaborate closely with school staff to deliver a safe, enjoyable, and personalised experience in both settings.

AIM Aquatic Education: more information on page 9

AIM Gymnastics: more information on page 17



SMALL GROUP TRAINING

Introducing new Small Group Training sessions for senior school students aged 16 and over, held in the BALC Health Club. These dynamic, 60-minute sessions are designed for groups of up to 15 students, offering a focused and energising workout experience, led by our qualified trainers.

For more details, see page 24.



AQUATIC EDUCATION



Swimming and water safety education is an important life skill that we take seriously. Our programs cater for all ages including infants, children and adults. Our programs are fun and effective and involve both swimming and water safety skills.

The Swim and Survive program is aligned with the National Swimming and Water Safety Framework. The framework supports a structured and continued understanding of swimming and water safety education across Australia by setting out a core structure enabling people to develop skills, knowledge, understanding, attitudes and behaviours they need to enjoy a range of aquatic environments safely.

During your school's aquatic program, participating students will receive a complimentary unlimited swim pass to use throughout the term. Aquatic learning takes time to achieve results, so unlimited access to our pools gives your students the opportunity to have more practical experience outside of their scheduled class. This also helps promote healthy and active lifestyles away from the school environment for students and their families.

Upon completion of the program, schools will receive an indication of where each student sits within the competency levels of the Swim and Survive program, allowing teachers to accurately report this information to families.

Victorian Water Safety Certificate (VWSC)

By the end of Year 6 it is anticipated that students are able to demonstrate the skills and knowledge in the VWSC. As part of your schools program our staff will assess your students' competencies against the VWSC criteria and apply for students certificates on your behalf.



AQUATIC EDUCATION

Pricing Structure

Student : Teacher Ratio	Student Fee per 45 Minute Lesson
4 : 1	\$12.20
5 : 1	\$10.50
6 : 1	\$9.45
7 : 1	\$8.65
8 : 1	\$8.00
9 : 1	\$7.60
10 : 1	\$7.15

Ratios

Please note that although schools are able to choose their ratio for the program, we will not exceed a ratio of 10:1. These ratios can be developed in collaboration with the school to ensure that all students get the most out of the program and the learning outcomes. For any students requiring individual support, school support staff are encouraged to enter the water to provide assistance, or a private 1:1 class can be arranged at an additional cost dependent on staff availability. Please speak to our Aquatic Education Team for options.

Program operations

When we have confirmed your program booking, you will need to give us a class list with **only** the students who will be participating in the program. You will also need to provide medical and/or behavioural forms for all students participating if applicable.

Once students have arrived at the centre and are changed, we ask that bags are placed in their allocated grandstand bay and students are organised into groups under the grandstand according to their swim teacher.

Teachers must bring and wear a hi vis safety vest at all times while on pool deck so they are easily identifiable to swim school staff.

Attire

Please ensure that appropriate swim attire is worn by students participating in the program. Long hair should be tied back or worn in a swim cap and the use of goggles is optional. A sturdy bag containing a towel and clothing is required.

Student Expectations

- Follow pool rules
- Follow teacher instructions at all times
- Show respect to all staff, teachers and students in the class
- Speak appropriately at all times

Behaviour Management

Our Aquatics Program team is committed to supporting all students, including those with challenging behaviours. Giving our staff knowledge and understanding of these is essential to ensure safety in the pool hall. These students will be closely worked with so behaviours are managed to ensure a positive experience for all students.

Our team expects appropriate student behaviour during lessons due to the nature of the environment students will be in. Where students are being disruptive, they are given three chances to improve their behaviour:

- On the first warning they are told their behaviour is not appropriate and must stand with the teacher. They can return to the class when ready.
- If the behaviour does not improve, they are removed from the activity and must sit on the edge of the pool (no more than 3 minutes). The student is then invited back to join the lesson.
- If their behaviour continues the student is given time out on pool side and must wait with a school teacher. The student is encouraged to rejoin the class in the next session.

If the behaviour continues, a school teacher or parent will be called to remove the student from the water for the rest of the lesson ensuring the safety of all students. Aquatic Programs staff will work with the school to make sure a behavioural plan is in place to support the student to resume lessons the following session.

Change rooms

Schools will be allocated to a specific change area. These group change areas will be either the 25m pool group change rooms or the 50m pool group change rooms.

Teaching safe diving skills

As part of their learning experience at BALC, students will gain knowledge and understanding of a number of ways to enter an aquatic environment, including diving. Lead-up skills for low-risk dives will be included in our Swim and Survive program. As each student progresses through the diving steps as outlined by AUSTSWIM, they will be assessed by an Aquatic Program officer.

Program availability

The BALC Swim and Survive program has a set number of places available each term, with most programs scheduled weekly. A limited number of intensive programs are available. Please see appendix for session times and booking details. Multiple bookings must be made individually. For example, each individual program number must have a separate booking sheet, showing the grade/s and numbers of students attending that program. If multiple programs are not individually recorded, schools may miss out on available spacing due to high demand.

ALL IN MOVEMENT (AIM)

The AIM Aquatic Education Program is designed to provide children with additional needs the opportunity to participate in an inclusive and supportive 45-minute aquatic program. Catering for both junior school students (Foundation to Grade 2/3) and middle/senior students, the program is flexible and can be adapted to meet the specific needs of each group, ensuring every student is supported and engaged.

For our junior participants, the program incorporates music to enhance language development, social interaction, and communication skills. These sessions also support physical development through water-based movement, water familiarisation, and the introduction of basic swimming strokes. Each session follows a clear structure, with a defined beginning and end, and uses wait times as visual and auditory cues to signal transitions between activities, helping students feel secure and prepared.

The middle and senior school program shifts focus toward personal safety in and around water. While not structured to music, these sessions are designed to build independence, awareness, and essential life-saving skills for both the individual and others.

Program Times: Please contact staff for further details.

Cost: \$10.50 per student (1:5 ratio).

NEW!



SIMULATED OPEN WATER PROGRAM

Our Simulated Open Water Program is offered to all students in our Swim and Survive Active Schools program.

This comprehensive program is structured to provide students the opportunity to experience water safety hazards in a safe pool environment.

Our Simulated Open Water Program consists of a number of stations which incorporate environmental and risk awareness, survival and rescue skills, and an introduction to emergency response. Working through the stations, students have the opportunity to assess their own personal competency and understand their vulnerability in a variety of open water scenarios.

The stations include:

- Underwater swimming
- Slippery banks and understanding accidental entries
- Overturned boat scenario
- Life jackets: understanding the features of different jackets and when to wear them
- Boogie boards

The program is conducted within our Swim and Survive Active Program, or can be conducted as a stand-alone 2-hour circuit.



THEORY WATER SAFETY PROGRAM

The BALC Aquatic Programs team provides a comprehensive theory program, developed as an interactive session to inform students of all ages about the importance of safety and awareness in a variety of open water scenarios.

The program is suitable for childcare centres, kindergartens, primary schools, English language schools and community education sessions.

The unique interactive curriculum of the program provides opportunities for participants to learn vital water safety knowledge using magnetic storyboards and interactive role-play.

We are passionate about spreading the water safety message to as many people as possible. This program supports our Swim and Survive pool-based program and can be included as part of an Aquatic Programs booking or can be booked as a stand-alone program (price on application). Contact the Aquatic Programs team for more information.



"Leanne and the team from Ballarat Aquatic & Lifestyle Centre visited our Early Learning Service and were able to adapt their teachings to children between the ages of 2-5 years in an age appropriate & respectful manner. They brought along lots of tactile resources, so children were able to connect their learning and the opportunity to reflect on and build upon previous knowledge. The team were able to provide lots of information and hands on learning to help children to comprehend and understand aspects of water safety"

Casey Weightman
Educational Leader

SWIMMING IN SCHOOLS FUNDING

The Swimming in Schools funding package is designed to increase opportunities for students to learn how to swim, and ensure they develop lifelong skills in swimming and water safety to reduce their risk of drowning and injury.

This funding will support schools to fulfil the swimming and water safety requirements of Health and Physical Education in the Victorian curriculum F-10, which expects students will achieve the swimming and water safety skills set out by the Victorian School Water Safety Certificate before leaving primary school. Schools can use the funding for both in-water practical components and in-class theory components.

Swimming in schools FAQ

How much funding is available to support my school to deliver swimming and water safety programs?

Previously, funding had been calculated based on Year 6 enrolments, however, from 2025, Victorian government schools will receive funding for the delivery of swimming and water safety education that is calculated based on \$40 per student enrolled in each year level from Foundation to Year 6 (\$48 in rural Victoria). Additionally, the funding will provide \$235 per student enrolled in Specialist schools and English language schools (\$270 in rural Victoria).

How does my school receive the funding?

Government schools will receive funding through the Student Resource Package (SRP) and Catholic primary schools will receive funding directly from the Catholic Education Commission of Victoria.

Can funding be used for transport to and from swimming lessons?

Yes, funding can go towards the cost of transport.

Can schools on-charge the cost of swimming and water safety programs to parents?

Parents cannot be charged for instruction costs associated with swimming. For further details please refer to the Parent Payments Policy available on the Department of Education website.

What knowledge and skills must be identified for students to gain their Victorian Water Safety Certificate?

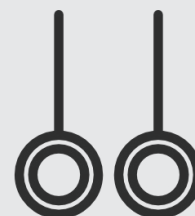
The certificate is awarded when a student can swim 50m continuously, answer water safety-based questions and perform simple rescues.

Who can I speak to for more information?

For more details, please contact our Aquatic Programs team who can help answer your questions and help your school fulfil its aquatic education needs.



GYMNASTICS



Our Gymnastics program has been specifically designed to maximise benefits to students through physical movement, teamwork and confidence building in a safe and supported environment. This includes encouraging the development of fundamental gross and fine motor skills used throughout other sports.

Through the program, we focus on building the participants' confidence, coordination, creativity and self-discipline, while learning the necessary progressions to safely develop basic gymnastics skills. Our gymnastics program is directly linked to the Victorian curriculum and meets a majority of the Movement and Physical Activity statements.

The program, which can be flexibly run in blocks ranging from 1 to 11 weeks, focuses on correct warm up, stretching and gymnastics techniques. Programs comprise week to week rotations on different apparatus in the Gymnastics Hall, focusing on all apparatus including floor, beam, bars, vault, parallel bars, trampoline, rings, silks and trapeze.

Within the program, the students will participate in team building challenges which foster team work, and games and activities to challenge their movement patterns and strategy. We encourage supervising teachers or group leaders to engage with students and support their learning through active presence in the session.

We welcome groups from kinder through to the top-end of high school and can be flexible on needs of the groups attending. Groups of up to 60 students at a time are welcome, however we can also cater for small group sizes of 10 and under.



Pricing Structure

For ease of booking, the 2026 Gymnastics Schools Program will have a set price for sessions based on the number of students attending and the coaching requirements.

We are also now offering the option of a 1:15 ratio and a 1:10 ratio price which may suit some groups better, due to the smaller class size.

2026 Schools Pricing 1:10 Ratio

No. of Students	Price per 60 minute session
0-10 Students	\$76.50
11 to 20 Students	\$157.00
21 to 30 Students	\$235.50
31 to 40 Students	\$315.00
41 to 50 Students	\$392.50
51 to 60 Students	\$471.00

2026 Schools Pricing 1:15 Ratio

No. of Students	Price per 60 minute session
0 to 15 Students	\$99.50
16 to 30 Students	\$205.00
31 to 45 Students	\$295.00
46 to 60 Students	\$383.00

Please note: groups of less than 10 permitted, and sessions longer than 60 minutes are available. Please contact us for more information and pricing.

Ratios

All our Gymnastics coaches are fully accredited with Gymnastics Australia and hold a current Working with Children's check. Our programs offer 2 ratios which schools can select from – a 1:10 ratio or a 1:15 ratio. We strongly suggest for any groups of foundation students or younger coming through that groups select the 1:10 ratio; likewise for any groups with additional needs or potential behaviours. Please contact us for support in choosing a ratio suited to your program, or for any questions regarding these changes.

Program operations

Weekly lessons are run between 12pm and 3pm, Monday to Friday. Other times may be available upon request.

School holiday programs sessions are available upon request.

Attire

Please ensure that all participants (including supervising teachers/group leaders and aides/carers) in the group are prepared and wearing correct attire as follows:

- Appropriate clothing is to be worn e.g. tracksuit pants, leggings or shorts. Please avoid wearing denim clothing or clothing with zips, buttons and buckles as it limits the apparatus the participant can use.
- All participants must have bare feet (no socks or tights).
- All long hair must be tied back.
- All jewellery (rings, watches, earrings, necklaces, bracelets, etc.) is to be removed.
- Bring a water bottle containing water. A water fountain is available to use or to refill

Sporting Schools

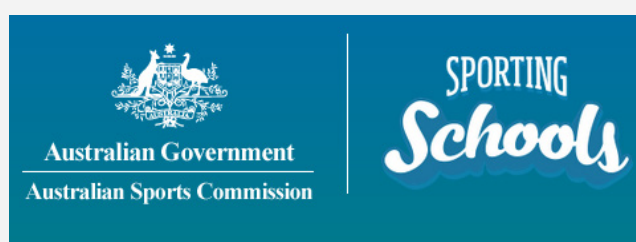
BALC Gymnastics is pleased to announce we are now partnered with Sporting Schools Australia and are a registered provider; meaning schools can access funding to complete their Gymnastics programs with us.

Sporting Schools is an Australian Government initiative designed to help schools increase children's participation in sport, and to connect them with community sporting opportunities. Sporting Schools offers grant opportunities for primary schools, and targeted grant opportunities for secondary schools in relation to Years 7 and 8 students.

This funding can be used to deliver programs from 1 week to a full term in duration and can be used by schools to bring a variety of grades or smaller groups of students. This has allowed schools to complete a full Gymnastics program for their students, covering the cost of each session (funding varies depending on school etc.)

Schools are encouraged to book their Gymnastics program before applying for funding to ensure we can cater to your schools requirements.

For further information on the program and to apply please see website:
www.ausport.gov.au/schools/schools/funding



ALL IN MOVEMENT (AIM)

The AIM Gymnastics Program has been developed to support students with additional needs in a small group session. The program focuses on building confidence, teamwork, and problem-solving skills, aligned with the mainstream Gymnastics curriculum.

Sessions will run for 45 minutes in the gymnastics hall with one coach, up to 10 students, and school staff support. The space is exclusively reserved for the group, and the program is tailored to suit different age groups and individual needs.

Our experienced coaches work closely with school staff to create a safe, inclusive, and enjoyable environment. Groups are encouraged to try a variety of skills and activities from traditional gymnastics to parkour/ninja movements and incorporate the rock wall as part of sessions.

Program Times: Tuesday, Wednesday or Friday from 2.00 – 2:45pm (other times may be available upon request).

Cost: \$75 per session (max. 10 students).



Prep – Grade 2

Focus on fundamental movements (hopping, swinging, jumping) with an emphasis on safety, physical movement and confidence building. Sessions will follow a similar structure weekly to help develop a routine and include a mixture of coach led activities, songs, movement and free exploration.

Grades 3–6

Building on core fundamental movements, with the introduction of more gymnastics and parkour techniques based on student interest. Students help choose activities and set personal goals with the coach and will be challenged physically and encouraged to push the limits of their comfort zone. They will also be challenged to think critically, build problem solving skills and work as team alongside developing their gymnastics and parkour skills.

Year 7+

For our older students, the program will be designed around trying new things, working as a team, problem-solving and developing an understanding of more complex movement patterns to build confidence in daily life. Students are exposed to a mixture of activities including gymnastics, rock climbing and parkour, designed to challenge them physically and build confidence whilst developing their ability to goal set, develop a plan and work towards achieving personal goals.



ROCK CLIMBING



Rock climbing is a fantastic sport for children as it challenges their skills and takes them out of their comfort zone. The strength, agility, spatial awareness and resilience that rock climbing teaches are excellent building blocks for a range of other sports and physical activities.

Our Gymnastics Hall features a rock climbing wall that is accessible to a wide variety of ages and abilities. There are six automatic belay systems which keep climbers safe on the ascent and descent. Each of the six walls have at least three different climbing route grades which allows climbers to be challenged at their own level. Our rock climbing instructor will assist with securing harnesses, completing safety checks and encouraging climbers to reach their rock climbing potential.

School groups can book the rock wall exclusively or add rock climbing to their gymnastic lessons. The rock wall can also be utilised during a school's term program booking, please contact us to discuss. A maximum of 12 children can participate in a rock climbing session and there is the option of booking a one-off session or a block of sessions.

Pricing structure

No. of students	60 minute Session	90 minute session
1 to 12	\$91.20	\$115.80

Rock climbing sessions are charged at a minimum of 10 participants, however you are welcome to bring less.

Exclusive rock climbing sessions

Up to 12 children per session. A one-hour session duration is recommended.

Please note

If rock climbing is included in a gymnastics program booking, schools may need to pay for an extra instructor per gymnastics session, depending on the number of students.

Attire

- Clothing that allows students to move freely, e.g. t-shirt, shorts, leggings, tracksuit bottoms.
- As the students are wearing a harness, skirts and dresses aren't appropriate clothing.
- **Closed toe sport shoes (e.g. runners) are to be worn. No sandals, crocs, thongs or slip-on shoes.**
- Long hair must be tied back.
- All jewellery and watches are to be removed.

Rock climbing rules

- You must be 5 years of age or older to climb.
- A safety briefing must be completed prior to climbing.
- Harnesses must be worn at all times when climbing.
- No climbing without being clipped properly into the auto belay rope and carabiner.
- All climbers must demonstrate proper descent technique to Centre staff prior to climbing.
- All climbers must wear appropriate footwear. No bare foot climbing.
- No food or drink in the climbing and gymnastics areas.
- Unruly conduct, not following staff directions, or not following the rules of the facility will be cause for removal from the gym. The use of vulgar language or improper conduct is not permitted. Please refrain from yelling or screaming.





GROUP FITNESS



Participating in group fitness programs is an exciting, motivating and fun way to encourage exercise within a group setting. BALC's qualified instructors deliver sessions aimed to improve mobility, flexibility, coordination, motor skills, strength and an increase in cardiovascular fitness.

In keeping up with the latest health and fitness trends, we can deliver the following programs:

B BALC class **E** External location available

LES MILLS RPM	An indoor cycling workout where you ride to the rhythm of powerful music. Your instructor leads the pack through hills, flats, mountain peaks, time trials, and interval training. Duration: 45 mins. Coordination: Low.
FIT45	This Freestyle, Functional Interval Training class will lift your fitness to the next level. You will be guided through aerobic and resistance training aimed to improve both your cardio and muscular strength and endurance. Duration: 45 mins. Coordination: Moderate.
FITBOX45	This freestyle boxing class will keep you guessing and give you a full body workout using various equipment that incorporates punching techniques, pad work, skipping, running and abdominal work. Duration: 55 mins. Coordination: Moderate. Must be 16 years of age to participate.
LES MILLS BODYPUMP	Using the best weight room exercises like squats, presses, lifts and curls. Great music and your choice of weight to inspire you to get the results you came for – and fast! Duration: 55 mins or BODYPUMP Express 30 mins. Coordination: Low. Must be 16 years of age to participate.
AQUA	Choose from any of our aqua class formats. A combination of cardio and resistance training with minimal choreography. Suiting all levels of fitness, you control the intensity making it as easy or as hard as you like. Duration: 45 mins. Coordination: Low.
BARRE	A fun, energetic workout designed to shape and tone postural muscles, build core strength and flexibility. Combining ballet inspired movement with elements of pilates, dance, yoga and strength training. Duration: 45 mins. Coordination: Low.
PILATES	A class teaching a unique method of body control and conditioning. This class will stretch and strengthen the muscles whilst improving flexibility, stability and balance. Duration: 55 mins. Coordination: Low.
YOGA	Use the practice of yoga postures to develop strength, flexibility and correct postural alignment. Encourages relaxation for the mind and body. Duration: 55 mins. Coordination: Low.

Pricing structure

Location	Cost (per lesson)
Ballarat Aquatic and Lifestyle Centre	\$110.00
External location	\$135.00

Fees and charges effective 2026. Price includes qualified instructor. Class ratios apply.

Attire

Please ensure that comfortable and appropriate workout attire is worn at all times, along with runners. A drink bottle and sweat towel is also required.

Important notes

- Please note that age limits may apply to certain classes, such as weight-based classes.
- Classes are subject to studio and instructor availability.
- Maximum participant limits are set on some classes due to space and equipment.

Group Fitness Etiquette

- All fitness levels are welcome.
- Please inform your instructor if you are new to exercise or have any pre-existing injuries.
- Warm up and cool down are vital components of the class. If you must leave early, please inform the instructor at the beginning of the class.
- Minimum age of 13 years for all group fitness classes, except BodyPump which has a minimum age of 16 years.
- Please use shelving provided to store personal belongings. Lock away your valuables in the lockers provided in the change areas.
- Appropriate clothing and footwear is required at all times.
- Please bring your own water bottle and towel. Take regular breaks to stay hydrated.
- For the comfort of others, please ensure personal hygiene is maintained and equipment is wiped down when finished.
- Be attentive and turn off mobile phones during class time.
- Follow staff instructions at all times.
- Do NOT drop weights/equipment.

SMALL GROUP TRAINING



Our Small Group Training sessions offer a dynamic and motivating fitness experience for students aged 16 years and over. Designed for groups of up to 15 participants, these 60-minute sessions take place in the BALC Health Club and are led by our qualified trainers.

Merging the best of both worlds, our Small Group Training sessions will give students the individual support of personal training, with the energy and motivation of a group fitness class. Each session focuses on building strength, improving fitness and developing healthy habits in a supportive environment. Using state-of-the-art Technogym and Iron Edge equipment, trainers will be able to correctly supervise movement and form, and suggest improvements to keep students motivated – no matter their fitness goals.

Ratio: 1 trainer to every 5 students. Maximum 15 students.

Session Times: Please contact staff for further details.

Pricing structure

No. of Students	Price per 60 minute session
0 to 5 Students	\$62.50
6-10 Students	\$125.00
11-15 Students	\$187.50

NEW!



PROGRAM BOOKINGS

Booking procedure

Bookings for 2026 will be open between **Friday 8 August 2025** and **Friday 10 October 2025**.

We encourage all schools to complete the relevant online booking form using the link below to ensure that their preferences are secured. Bookings will still be accepted after this time, however we cannot guarantee your preferences will be available.

Bookings for gymnastics, rock wall or group fitness sessions can be made at any time, subject to instructor availability, however we recommended booking ahead of time.

[**Online Booking Form – Click Here**](#) 

A booking form can be found online at [**www.ballarataquaticcentre.com/activeschools**](http://www.ballarataquaticcentre.com/activeschools)

Once the booking period has closed, you will be sent a booking confirmation email which will contain:

- The tentative number of people participating in the program.
- Program details including session times and dates.
- Any requirements for your group (as requested by the group organiser).

Multiple department bookings

We encourage the use of multiple department bookings (particularly when you may wish to consider travel costs) and we can assist with the coordination of these programs. For example, you may wish to organise a gymnastics or group fitness class followed by an aquatic program.

If you would like to access more than one department, or have rotating activities, please complete all relevant sections of the booking form. If you have any specific requirement please contact the departments with the contact list on page 24.

Conditions of booking

You will be required to confirm the exact number of students participating in the program no later than three (3) weeks prior to your session, by providing a class list of students who are attending. The booking confirmation email will act as an agreement that the dates will be reserved for your group to attend as specified. In particular, we understand the importance of schools being able to book in advance to plan for the year ahead.

Please note: once dates are confirmed they will be reserved, making it difficult to rebook if a cancellation does occur.

Cancellation policy

Due to high demand for the facilities and programs, all groups will be required to pay the following cancellation fee if a cancellation occurs after the confirmation of programs.

Notice given	Fee incurred
Greater than three (3) weeks' notice	20% of full price
Less than three (3) weeks' notice	50% of full price
Less than 24 hours' notice	100% of full price

Invoicing

Once you have started your program and we have final confirmation of numbers, an invoice will be sent to your school for facilities and programs booked. No credits will apply for students not participating after final confirmation has been received unless a medical certificate is provided.

Arrival

On arrival, you must report to our Customer Service team to confirm and register your attendance. You will then be directed to a suitable waiting area. Please be considerate of other users of our Centre and ensure that students do not make excessive noise or block walkways and corridors.

Anyone participating in the aquatic programs will be directed to the school group change rooms in the 25m pool or 50m pool area prior to waiting in the grandstand. Alternately, if you are participating in a gymnastics or group fitness program you will be directed to wait in the viewing area upstairs.

Special requirements

It's important that we are informed of any special requirements for the group and/or its participants. This can include:

- Important medical information and conditions.
- Participants who need an aide/carer.
- Use of specialized equipment or change rooms.

BALC CONTACTS

If you would like to find out more about any of the programs listed in this document, please contact the relevant department as listed below.

Aquatic Programs

Shane Boot | (03) 5329 1659
shaneboot@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Gymnastics

Alex Gay | (03) 5330 4141
alexgay@ballarat.vic.gov.au

Group Fitness

Cherie Malone | (03) 5330 4113
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Lane bookings and events

Shane Boot | (03) 5329 1659
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EMERGENCY INFORMATION

In the event of an emergency, there are two forms of evacuation that may be required:

1. Partial Evacuation: Evacuation of designated area within the Centre
2. Full Evacuation: Evacuation of the entire Centre

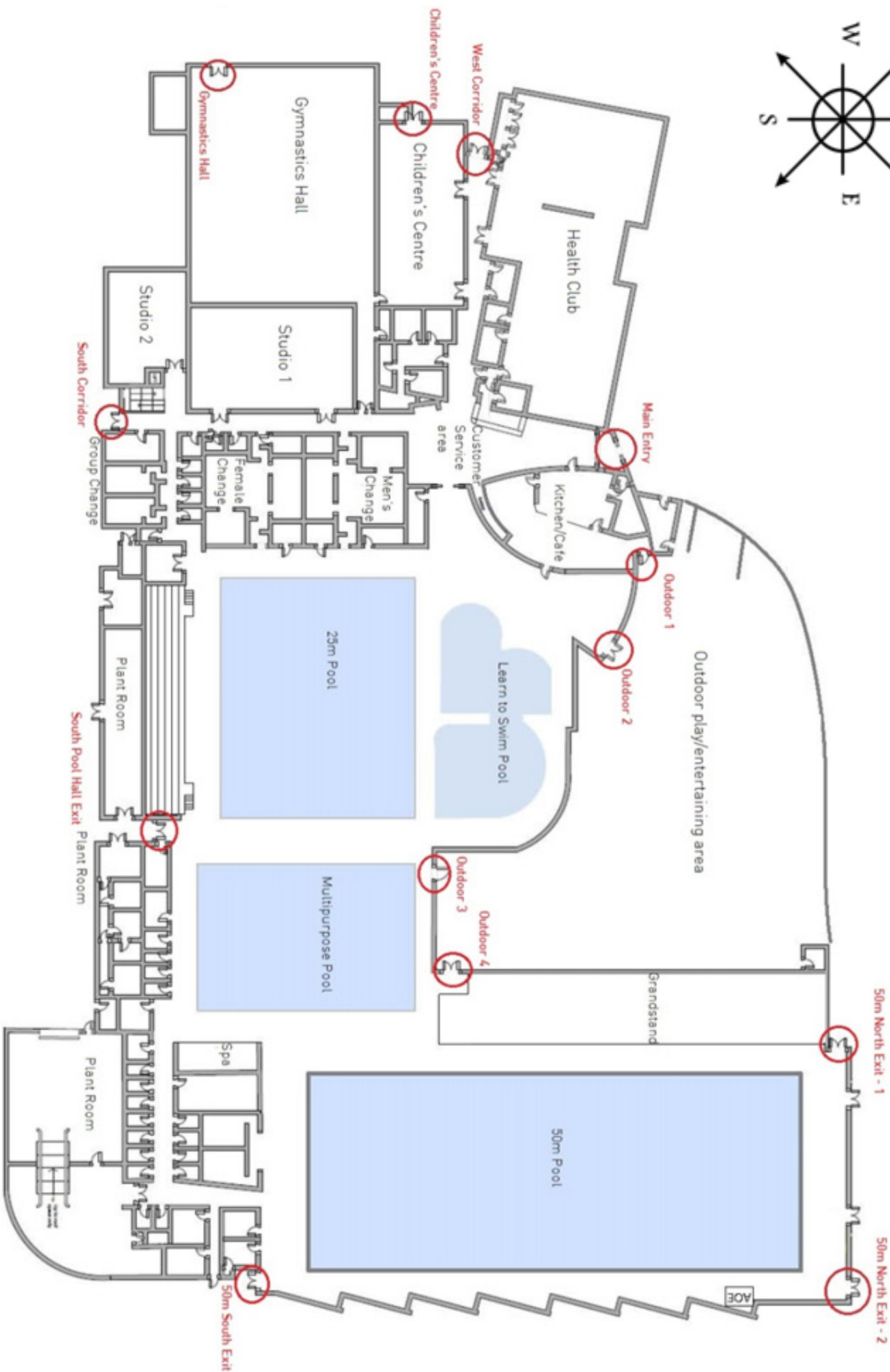
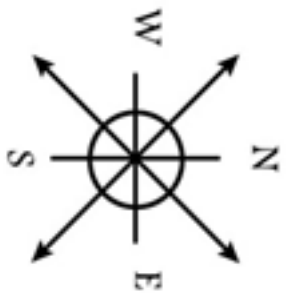
In the unlikely event of either a partial or full evacuation, an announcement will be made to inform staff and patrons of the evacuation. Please note: it's important that all program participants and staff follow the instructions of BALC staff at all times.

Assembly Areas

Assembly areas are outlined as per the table below.

Name	Point/Area
Primary	North West grassed area near Northern car park
Secondary	Hockey fence

Emergency Exits	
Main entry	Outdoor area - doors 1,2,3 and 4
50m Pool North exit - doors 1 & 2	50m Pool South exit
South Pool Hall exit	South Corridor exit
Gymnastics Hall	Children's Centre
West Corridor	





AQUATIC EDUCATION SESSION TIMES

SESSION TIMES

Please refer to the tables in this Appendix when completing your booking request form for our Aquatic Education program.

Due to the popularity of our swimming program, schools will be asked to select their preferred session times, indicated by the **Program Number** for each term.

Intensive classes run each day at the same time during the first week of Term 2, 3 & 4.

Maximum number of sessions a school will have each term will vary due to term length and public holidays.

You will be notified by email of your confirmed booking after the close of bookings on **Friday 10 October 2025**.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact a member of the Aquatic Education Team. Details can be found on page 27 of the Active School Program booklet.

TERM 1

Wednesday 28 January - Thursday 2 April 2026

Public Holidays - Monday 9 March 2026

Program Number	Dates	Day	Time	Maximum number of sessions
1	16th Feb - 30th March	Monday	11.45am - 12.30pm	6
2	16th Feb - 30th March	Monday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	6
3	16th Feb - 30th March	Monday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	6
4	16th Feb - 30th March	Monday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	6
5	17th Feb - 31st March	Tuesday	11.45am - 12.30pm	7
6	17th Feb - 31st March	Tuesday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	7
7	17th Feb - 31st March	Tuesday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	7
8	17th Feb - 31st March	Tuesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	7
9	18th Feb - 1st April	Wednesday	11.45am - 12.30pm	7
10	18th Feb - 1st April	Wednesday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	7
11	18th Feb - 1st April	Wednesday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	7
12	18th Feb - 1st April	Wednesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	7
13	19th Feb - 26th March	Thursday	11.45am - 12.30pm	6
14	19th Feb - 26th March	Thursday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	6
15	19th Feb - 26th March	Thursday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	6
16	19th Feb - 26th March	Thursday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	6
17	20th Feb - 27th March	Friday	11.45am - 12.30pm	7
18	20th Feb - 27th March	Friday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	7
19	20th Feb - 27th March	Friday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	7
20	20th Feb - 27th March	Friday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	7

TERM 2

Monday 20 April – Friday 26 June 2026

Public Holidays – Monday 8 June

Program Number	Dates	Day	Time	Maximum number of sessions
Intensive 21	20th April – 24th April	Tues – Fri	11.45am – 12.30pm	5
Intensive 22	20th April – 24th April	Tues – Fri	12.30pm – 1.15 pm	5
Intensive 23	20th April – 24th April	Tues – Fri	1.15pm – 2.00pm	5
Intensive 24	20th April – 24th April	Tues – Fri	2.00pm – 2.45pm	5
25	27th April – 22nd June	Monday	11.45am – 12.30pm	8
26	27th April – 22nd June	Monday	12.30pm – 1.15pm	8
27	27th April – 22nd June	Monday	1.15pm – 2.00pm	8
28	27th April – 22nd June	Monday	2.00pm – 2.45pm	8
29	29th April – 23rd June	Tuesday	11.45am – 12.30pm	9
30	29th April – 23rd June	Tuesday	12.30pm – 1.15pm	9
31	29th April – 23rd June	Tuesday	1.15pm – 2.00pm	9
32	29th April – 23rd June	Tuesday	2.00pm – 2.45pm	9
33	30th Apr – 24th June	Wednesday	11.45am – 12.30pm	9
34	30th Apr – 24th June	Wednesday	12.30pm – 1.15pm	9
35	30th Apr – 24th June	Wednesday	1.15pm – 2.00pm	9
36	30th Apr – 24th June	Wednesday	2.00pm – 2.45pm	9
37	1st May – 25th June	Thursday	11.45am – 12.30pm	9
38	1st May – 25th June	Thursday	12.30pm – 1.15pm	9
39	1st May – 25th June	Thursday	1.15pm – 2.00pm	9
40	1st May – 25th June	Thursday	2.00pm – 2.45pm	9
41	2nd May – 26th June	Friday	11.45am – 12.30pm	9
42	2nd May – 26th June	Friday	12.30pm – 1.15pm	9
43	2nd May – 19th June	Friday	1.15pm – 2.00pm	8
44	2nd May – 19th June	Friday	2.00pm – 2.45pm	8

TERM 3

Monday 13 July - Friday 18 September 2026

Program Number	Dates	Day	Time	Maximum number of sessions
Intensive 45	13th July - 17th July	Mon - Fri	11.45am - 12.30pm	5
Intensive 46	13th July - 17th July	Mon - Fri	12.30pm - 1.15pm	5
Intensive 47	13th July - 17th July	Mon - Fri	1.15pm - 2.00pm	5
Intensive 48	13th July - 17th July	Mon - Fri	2.00pm - 2.45pm	5
49	20th July - 14th Sept	Monday	11.45am - 12.30pm	9
50	20th July - 14th Sept	Monday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	9
51	20th July - 14th Sept	Monday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	9
52	20th July - 14th Sept	Monday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	9
53	21st July - 15th Sept	Tuesday	11.45am - 12.30pm	9
54	21st July - 15th Sept	Tuesday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	9
55	21st July - 15th Sept	Tuesday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	9
56	21st July - 15th Sept	Tuesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	9
57	22nd July - 16th Sept	Wednesday	11.45am - 12.30pm	9
58	22nd July - 16th Sept	Wednesday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	9
59	22nd July - 16th Sept	Wednesday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	9
60	22nd July - 16th Sept	Wednesday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	9
61	23rd July - 17th Sept	Thursday	11.45am - 12.30pm	9
62	23rd July - 17th Sept	Thursday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	9
63	23rd July - 17th Sept	Thursday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	9
64	23rd July - 17th Sept	Thursday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	9
65	24th July - 18th Sept	Friday	11.45am - 12.30pm	9
66	24th July - 18th Sept	Friday	12.30pm - 1.15pm	9
67	24th July - 11th Sept	Friday	1.15pm - 2.00pm	8
68	24th July - 11th Sept	Friday	2.00pm - 2.45pm	8

TERM 4

Monday 5 October – Friday 18 December 2026

Public Holidays – Tuesday 3 November 2026

Program Number	Dates	Day	Time	Maximum number of sessions
Intensive 69	5th Oct – 9th Oct	Mon – Fri	11:00am – 12:00pm	5
Intensive 70	5th Oct – 9th Oct	Mon – Fri	12:00pm – 1:00pm	5
Intensive 71	5th Oct – 9th Oct	Mon – Fri	1:00pm – 2:00pm	5
Intensive 72	5th Oct – 9th Oct	Mon – Fri	2:00pm – 3:00pm	5
73	12th Oct – 7th Dec	Monday	11:45am – 12:30pm	9
74	12th Oct – 7th Dec	Monday	12:30pm – 1:15pm	9
75	12th Oct – 7th Dec	Monday	1:15pm – 2:00pm	9
76	12th Oct – 7th Dec	Monday	2:00pm – 2:45pm	9
77	13th Oct – 8th Dec	Tuesday	11:45am – 12:30pm	8
78	13th Oct – 8th Dec	Tuesday	12:30pm – 1:15pm	8
79	13th Oct – 8th Dec	Tuesday	1:15pm – 2:00pm	8
80	13th Oct – 8th Dec	Tuesday	2:00pm – 2:45pm	8
81	14th Oct – 9th Dec	Wednesday	11:45am – 12:30pm	9
82	14th Oct – 9th Dec	Wednesday	12:30pm – 1:15pm	9
83	14th Oct – 9th Dec	Wednesday	1:15pm – 2:00pm	9
84	14th Oct – 9th Dec	Wednesday	2:00pm – 2:45pm	9
85	15th Oct – 10th Dec	Thursday	11:45am – 12:30pm	9
86	15th Oct – 10th Dec	Thursday	12:30pm – 1:15pm	9
87	15th Oct – 10th Dec	Thursday	1:15pm – 2:00pm	9
88	15th Oct – 10th Dec	Thursday	2:00pm – 2:45pm	9
89	16th Oct – 11th Dec	Friday	11:45am – 12:30pm	9
90	16th Oct – 11th Dec	Friday	12:30pm – 1:15pm	9
91	16th Oct – 11th Dec	Friday	1:15pm – 2:00pm	9
92	16th Oct – 11th Dec	Friday	2:00pm – 2:45pm	9



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