



POLICY FOR KIA MAANU KIA ORA (ROTORUA LAKES SWIM SCHOOL - RLSS) PROGRAMME

Policy Name	Kia Maanu Kia ora (RLSS) programme
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1. PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To increase the safety of Ngati Whakaue children in and around water.

2. DESCRIPTION:

- 2.1 Ngati Whakaue children participating in “Kia Maanu Kia Ora (stay afloat to stay alive)” RLSS programme at the Aquatic Centre, Rotorua, will learn:
- To enjoy and to be safe and confident in and around water-ways, swimming pools etc.
 - Technical swimming skills.
 - Knowledge, skills and attitudes that can, post Kia Maanu Kia Ora, enable them to engage in competitive swimming; should they so wish.

3. APPLICATIONS FOR FUNDING:

- 3.1 Completion of a full application. Applications will be advertised in November and December annually and close mid December in each year.
- 3.2 Applicant criteria and enrolment:
- 3.2.1 Ngati Whakaue children aged 0mths-14 years
- 3.2.2 The Board will recognize those Applicants (including legally adopted children) who are:
- Ngati Whakaue descendant of an original owner of Pukeroa Oruawhata Block or,
 - Descendants of one or more of the 6 Koromatua o Ngati Whakaue.
- Whangai will be considered in terms of the Board’s Whakapapa Policy (2015) Number 0611.
- 3.2.3 Successful applicants will enrol their child/ren with RLSS at the Rotorua Aquatic Centre and pay 100% of the required fee.
- 3.2.4 Eligibility for successive (NWEETB reimbursed) RLSS swimming lessons for child/ren, will require attendance at a minimum of 80% of term lessons (e.g. 8 out of 10 lessons) for ages 3 years-14 years (inclusive), and 60% of term lessons for ages 0mths-3years.
- 3.2.5 For NWEETB reporting purposes, RLSS will provide NWEETB with a (brief) report for each child, including an attendance record, at the end of each term. Progress will be determined by the child’s successful progression through each phase of the Swimsation programme.
- 3.2.6 Eligibility for fee sponsorship will cease when children have successfully completed *Stage 7-Koura* or reached the age of 15 years, whichever occurs first.
- 3.2.7 Sponsorship is limited to 2 children per whanau for any given term.

- 3.2.8 The number of places in the programme is limited to 150 each year.
- 3.2.9 Failure to complete a course in one term will preclude an applicant from funding in the next term.
- 3.2.10 Application must be made on the Board's official form.
- 3.2.11 Rotorua Aquatic Centre RLSS programme is the only approved course for this policy.

4. GRANTS:

- 4.1 The level of sponsorship will be 75% of the term fee **paid**, currently based on \$120.00 (as at 2017 -based on 10 week term) – see 4.7.
- 4.2 Reimbursement of 75% of the fee will be made available upon confirmation that children have achieved attendance criteria per term.
- 4.3 Reimbursement will be made directly to the applicant's bank account at the end of each term.
- 4.4 Applicants will be notified in writing of reimbursement approval or failure to meet the criteria for reimbursement.
- 4.5 Applications must be renewed each year and will be processed on a first in first served basis.
- 4.6 This grant does not cover swimming club membership fees (annual fees and pool entry).
- 4.7 Discounts offered by Rotorua Lakes Swim School to NWEETB members:
A 10% discount for term lessons – i.e. \$120 term fee will be reduced to 108.
Sponsorship will be based on actual fee paid.
Fee reduction on Unison Lake Safety programme (ULSP) from \$17.50 to \$10 per child.
These discounts will be available to those members who produce their NWEETB letter of sponsorship approval

5. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS:

- 5.1 RLSS will provide reports to the Board on children's progress through the programme.

6. Disclosure:

- 6.1 All information may be used for statistical purposes by the Board.
- 6.2 Individual information relating to successful applicants may be used by the Board for publicity/promotional purposes.
- 6.3 The Board's decision on any application or interpretation matter is final.
- 6.4 Correspondence will be entered into at the discretion of the Board and reasons for unsuccessful applications will not necessarily be given.