



## WATCH AROUND WATER

Pines Forest Aquatic Centre is a Watch Around Water endorsed Aquatic Centre. Competent lifeguards acting responsibly provide an important safety feature, but they are not intended to, and cannot be expected to replace the close supervision of parents which is required for many children. Public awareness needs to ensure that adults in the community understand that supervision of children in the water must be direct, competent and alert.

The following policies for supervision are implemented at Pines Forest Aquatic Centre:

### Children under 5 years old (0-4 years old)

- MUST be accompanied into the Centre by a person over the age of 18 and supervised within arms' reach, at all times in the water.
- MUST wear a yellow wristband from PFAC staff to help identify their age while swimming.
- Will not be admitted without a full fee paying parent/guardian who must also be in the water.
- Groups will not be admitted where the number of parents/guardians supervising a group of children under 5 years exceeds the ratio of 1:4.

### Children under 10 years old (5-9 year olds)

- MUST be actively supervised by an adult over the age of 18. The adult must have a clear view of the child with no physical or structural barriers between them.
- MUST wear a green wristband from PFAC staff to help identify their age while swimming.
- Groups will not be admitted where the number of parents/guardians supervising a group of children under 10 years exceeds the ratio of 1:10.

### Children aged 10-13 years old

- MUST be accompanied into the Centre by an adult who shall remain accessible and who regularly checks on the child.
- Groups will not be admitted where the number of parents/guardians supervising a group of children under 13 years exceeds the ratio of 1:10

For any further questions about the Watch Around Water program, please see the following website: <http://www.watcharoundwater.org.au/faq/>