



What is the difference between AQUAZONE and school swimming lessons?

The Health and Physical Education learning area states that 'it is expected that all students will have had opportunities to learn basic aquatic skills by the end of Year 6'.

As part of the education curriculum schools are required to build a positive water safety culture in New Zealand.

The aim of the "swim for life" program that children receive through their school is to provide water confidence, water safety and foster safer participation in a range of aquatic environments (rivers, lakes, beaches, pools etc).

School lessons are attended as a large class group, which can mean up to 30 pupils are in the pool at the same time, with an instructor or class teacher providing group instruction from the poolside.

While these group lessons aim to provide basic water confidence and general water safety skills, they are not able to focus on specific swimming skills or the needs of the individual due to the large numbers and varying abilities.

Aquazone is involved in the delivery of the school swimming program to a number of local schools.

We do not believe that these lessons are a substitute for the small group lessons provided by Aquazone's structured skill specific swim program after school.

It is therefore important for optimum progress that children continue to attend their Aquazone lessons, and view the school lessons as an opportunity for additional practice and learning with their class peers.