

## Welcome back to another Learn to Swim season at the Gawler Aquatic Centre!

We are excited to welcome both new and returning families and share some exciting updates coming to our Learn to Swim program for the 2026-2027 season.

### **Enrolments will open on Tuesday 25 August 2026 at 10am**

To prepare for enrolments, please use the link below to check, update or create your Learn to Swim PerfectMind account ahead of time:

<https://townofgawler.perfectmind.com/>

This is where you will enrol online and manage your account.

We encourage families to enrol early to secure their preferred class day and time when enrolments open.

### **New This Season – Ongoing Enrolments**

Based on your feedback, we are excited to introduce a new ongoing enrolment model for Learn to Swim. Previously, families enrolled separately for Term 4 and Term 1. From this season, your child's enrolment will continue across the full Learn to Swim season, making the process simpler and easier for families.

The season will be divided into two blocks for families who choose to pay upfront and use Sports Vouchers; however, Learn to Swim enrolments will remain ongoing throughout the full season. **Monday 19 October 2026 – Sunday 11 April 2027**

### **What does this mean for you?**

- Enrol once for the season – your child's place will continue for the full Learn to Swim season
- No need to re-enrol halfway through the season
- Direct Debit payments will continue seamlessly throughout the season
- Upfront payment options will be available for Block 1, Block 2, or the full season

### **2026-2027 Learn to Swim Season Dates**

Due to cooler seasonal conditions at the beginning of the outdoor pool season, Learn to Swim lessons will commence one week after the Aquatic Centre opens.

The 2026-2027 Learn to Swim season will run from:  
**Monday 19 October 2026 – Sunday 11 April 2027**

| Program                           | Dates                                             | Duration                                              |
|-----------------------------------|---------------------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------|
| <b>Learn to Swim Season</b>       | Monday 19 October 2026 – Sunday 11 April 2027     | 20 weeks                                              |
| <b>Block 1</b>                    | Monday 19 October 2026 – Sunday 13 December 2026  | 8 weeks                                               |
| <b>December Holiday Intensive</b> | Monday 14 December 2026 – Friday 18 December 2026 | 5 consecutive days                                    |
| <b>VACSWIM</b>                    | Monday 4 January 2027 – Friday 8 January 2027     | 5 consecutive days                                    |
| <b>Block 2</b>                    | Monday 11 January 2027 – Sunday 11 April 2027     | 12 weeks (excluding public holidays and Easter break) |

***Learn to Swim will run during the January Summer Holidays from Monday 11 January.***

### Program Breaks

The Learn to Swim program will have scheduled breaks during the season:

**Christmas/New Year Break:** Saturday 19 December 2026 – Sunday 3 January 2027

**Easter Break:** Tuesday 23 March 2027 – Monday 29 March 2027

During the Christmas/New Year period, families can continue swimming through our December Holiday Intensive Program and VACSWIM programs.

### Infant Learn to Swim Lessons

We are pleased to confirm that Infant Learn to Swim lessons are returning for the 2026-2027 season.

Infant lessons will now be available on **Saturday and Sundays**, providing families with more flexibility when introducing their little ones to the water and building confidence from an early age.

### Adult Learn to Swim Lessons

Swimming is a lifelong skill, and it is never too late to learn.

We are excited to introduce group Adult Learn to Swim lessons, supporting adults of all ages and abilities to build confidence, improve their swimming skills and become more comfortable in the water.

### Turtle Accessible Lessons

From the 2026-2027 season, Turtle lessons will be increased to \$30 per lesson, reflecting the additional support, resources and tailored approach provided within these lessons.

### New Assessment Process

We are also changing the way we assess swimmer progress.

Instead of scheduled assessment weeks, swimmers will now be assessed throughout their regular lessons by their instructor.

This allows instructors to:

- Monitor progress continuously throughout the season
- Provide a understanding of each swimmer's development
- Move children to the next level when they are ready
- Keep lessons positive and focused on skill development

Our Program Supervisors will also be available during lessons to support instructors, swimmers and families with progression advice and level transfers when required.

## Sports Vouchers

Eligible South Australian families can use Sports Vouchers towards the cost of Learn to Swim lessons.

Applications open on Tuesday 1 September 2026.

[Gawler Aquatic Centre Sports Voucher Claim Form 2026](#)

### Block 1 (2026 submissions)

Eligible families can apply for up to **\$200 Sports Voucher funding**.

Please note: Block 1 Learn to Swim lessons cost **\$177.60 (8 weeks)**. Families are welcome to apply for the full \$200 voucher; however, any remaining balance cannot be refunded or credited as Sports Vouchers are a South Australian Government funding initiative.

### Block 2 (2027 submissions)

Eligible families can apply for up to **\$200 Sports Voucher funding** (applications available November/December).

Thank you for being part of our Learn to Swim community. We are excited to continue helping swimmers build confidence, develop lifelong water skills and achieve their goals in the 2026-2027 season.

If you have any questions, please contact our friendly Learn to Swim team at

[Learntoswim@gawler.sa.gov.au](mailto:Learntoswim@gawler.sa.gov.au)

Or visit our website for more information [Learn to Swim | Town of Gawler Council](#)

See you at the pool!

**The Gawler Aquatic Centre Learn to Swim Team**