

# St. Paul's College

## Swimming Pool

### Policy

The maintenance and operation of the swimming pool must conform to the Public Health and Municipal Services Ordinance Cap. S132, Swimming Pool By-Laws. Spitting is prohibited by law and so is the use of the pool by any persons suffering from skin or communicable disease. These offenses are particularly objectionable and are punishable by a fine. It is hoped that these offenses will not be committed by any of our users. To supplement the General Law of Hong Kong and for the comfort, safety and convenience of all users, the following are designed with one aim - to make best use of the facility - and your good-will and cooperation will make this possible.

- The whole pool, or part of it may be closed during certain periods for classes, training or competitions. A schedule for the use of the pool shall be posted on the notice board at the pool entrance. All users are requested to adhere to the schedule.
- Users are advised to leave the pool water 15 minutes before the official closure time for the use of changing room. Life-guards will notify users of the time.
- The swimming pool can accommodate 50 people and when this figure is reached a "FULL HOUSE" notice shall be posted at the pool entrance. Should such occasions arise the pool shall be cleared of swimmers every 2 hours so that newcomers shall be given a chance to use the facility. All are requested to cooperate in this system to enable a larger turnover in the use of the pool.
- The pool may occasionally be booked by outside bodies for galas or other functions and that in such instances other persons will not be allowed to enter the pool area. Prior notices will be posted on the swimming pool notice board.
- The School has discretion to close the pool without notice in the event of adverse weather or special conditions.

### Eligible Users

Entry to swimming pools is restricted to the following groups of St. Paul's College on production of a valid document:

- Student
- Staff
- Swimming Club Member
- Invited Guest

## Rules

- For a safer and happier swimming environment, children under 12 years of age must be accompanied by an adult member. No adult shall be allowed to bring in more than 2 children. If the adult leaves the pool premises the children must also leave the premises at the same time.
- Do not enter the pool if you suffer from a contagious disease, a cut or an abrasion.
- Follow water safety rules.
- Persons using the swimming pool shall change in the appropriate changing rooms.
- Persons using the pool shall take care to dress in such a manner as not to be likely to give offence to others.
- Before entering the pool surround area, all persons must use the footbath and the showers provided for cleaning purpose.
- While using the pool, persons with long hair shall wear swimming caps. The reason for this rule is to avoid blockage of the filtration plant by loose long hair.
- Persons wearing spectacles will not be permitted in the pool unless lenses are unbreakable plastics.
- No surf boards, flippers, snorkels, air-filled mattresses, water-guns, beach balls, or other impediments will be permitted. Flippers can hurt someone if you run into them, and snorkels could make you lose your sense of direction, and you may swim under the diving area by accident.
- Swimming aids used must be securely tied or strapped or placed around the body.
- No person wearing footwear of any description shall enter the pool area.
- The following activities shall not be permitted within the precincts of the swimming pool:
  - (i) any physical activities likely to endanger any person within the precinct;
  - (ii) card, dice or the games of any kind; or
  - (iii) gambling
- Eating, smoking, drinking or carrying glasses within the pool area shall not be allowed except for plastic bottles of water.
- Spitting, blowing of water, nasal discharges and urinating in the pool area are forbidden.
- Running and climbing over the fence around the pool area are forbidden.
- No video-taping or photo-taking is allowed anywhere within the pool area.
- Users of the pool shall observe the swimming pool rules and follow the instructions given by the life guards and the staff and in doing so shall bear in mind that the life guards and staff are merely carrying out their duties.
- In case of misconduct, or of any action inconsistent with the regulations governing the use of the swimming pool, the life guard or any staff of the School shall have the power to reject or debar the person from the premises or use of facilities.
- Users of the swimming pool participate in activities at their own risk and the School will accept no responsibility or liability whatsoever.
- Users are responsible for the loss of their own valuable items.
- First aid equipment is kept by the life guard. All injuries/accidents should be reported to the duty life guard immediately.
- No private teaching/coaching is allowed without permission of the School.

## **Changing Room Facilities**

- Changing room facilities are available to users of the swimming pool. Users should change in the appropriate changing room.
- Users are required to assist in maintaining the changing facilities clean and tidy.
- Users are advised not to leave valuable items and personal belongings unattended in the changing room.
- The School will accept no responsibility for loss or damage of personal properties inside the lockers/changing room facilities.

## **Enquiries**

For enquiries, please contact our office staff at 2546 2241 during office hours.