



2026 ECSC Development Carnival + Distance Events

Date	Saturday, 30th May 2026
Time	Gates open at: 7:00 AM <u>Development Carnival</u> Warmup commences 7:30 AM Competition commences 8:30 AM <u>Distance Events</u> Warmup: a 45min warmup period will commence immediately following the conclusion of the Development Carnival. Competition commences: 1 hour following the conclusion of the Development Carnival. Distance events will commence no earlier than 12.00pm.
Venue	Emmanuel College, Birmingham Road, Carrara QLD 4211
Nomination Fee	\$8.00 per individual event (plus associated Swim Central fees) Includes electronic program. A technical official levy of \$2.50 per swimmer is a requirement of entry, and will be charged upon entry in Swim Central.
Nominations Close	11:59pm, Saturday 23rd May 2026 All entries must be submitted through swim central
Entry Cap	This Development Carnival is capped at 4 hours (+ distance events). Meet nominations will close on Swim Central once cap is met. Swimmers are only able to enter a maximum of 6 individual events for the Development Carnival. Swimmers are only able to enter a maximum of 2 individual events for the Distance Events.
Entries & Payment	Online entries via Swim Central only . Payment is to be made online, through Swim Central. If you have any problems or questions regarding on-line entries, please email Tina Bowden: ECSC_racesecretary@emmanuel.qld.edu.au
Age Determination	Age as at 30th May 2026. Age for Development Carnival: 6-11years Age for Distance Events: 11yrs & over



Late Entries	No late entries will be accepted, under any circumstances.
Warmup	<p>Development Carnival warmup commences 7:30AM</p> <p>Distance Events: warmup commences immediately following the conclusion of the Development Carnival</p> <p>Dive starts and pace work will be allocated for lanes 1 & 8</p>
Spectators & Gate Entry	<p>Spectators will be permitted at this event</p> <p>Gate Entry will be \$3.00 for spectators</p> <p>All coaches, technical officials, volunteers & team managers will have their entry subsidised by Emmanuel College Swimming Club.</p>
Withdrawals / Refunds	<p>Any withdrawals requested prior to the closing of nominations will be fully refunded through Swim Central.</p> <p>After nominations have closed, all withdrawals MUST be accompanied with a medical certificate in order to receive a refund. Any medical certificate MUST be received within 48hours of the commencement of the meet and MUST be applicable the day of the meet.</p>
Code of conduct	<p>By entering this swim meet all swimmers and attendees agree to adhere to the Swimming Gold Coast code of conduct. The code of conduct can be found at the following link. CODE OF CONDUCT LINK</p>
Swimmer Eligibility	<p>All Swimmers must be fully registered as a “Competitive Swimmer” on Swim Central to nominate for the 2026 Emmanuel College Development Carnival/ Distance Meet. ‘Recreational’ swimmers are ineligible to enter.</p>
Visiting Swimmers	<p>Swimmers registered to Gold Coast Clubs that are members of another Federation, or from Interstate, are permitted to swim.</p> <p>A member of another Federation must be shown in the program with a (V) beside their first name and the Federation they are registered with.</p> <p>Inter-State swimmers (not members of another Federation) must be shown in the program with a (V) beside their surname and the club they are registered with.</p> <p>Swimmers must be registered in SAL Swim Central and be able to enter via the online entry form.</p> <p>There will be no manual entries accepted.</p>
Events	<p>As per below Program of Events.</p> <p>Heats only will be swum in each event. If less than 3 nominations are received for an event, Emmanuel College Swimming Club reserves the right to cancel the event and refund nominations. Emmanuel College Swimming Club also reserves the right, on the day, to combine heats and/or events.</p> <p>50m FREESTYLE TOP 8 COMBINED SUPER FINAL (events 25/26) will consist of the swimmers with the top 8 fastest times across all age groups (8-11yrs).</p>



Rules	<p>This meet will be conducted under the rules as documented within: "Swimming Queensland General Rules", "Swimming Queensland Championship By-Laws", "FINA" and "Swimming Australia Limited" rules</p> <p>Competitors in the first two events should be behind the blocks in the self-marshalling zone (holding area) prior to the scheduled starting time of the session. In addition, all competitors should be in the self-marshalling zone (holding area) 4 heats prior to their own heat for events up to 200m.</p>
Technical Officials	<p>All technical officials will be contacted to register their availability by Chief Referee, Sharon Wicking.</p> <p>Any persons interested in learning about the possibilities of becoming a Technical Official, please make contact with the Swimming Gold Coast Chief Referee Sharon Wicking at: chiefreferee@swimminggoldcoast.org.au for communication on the opportunities available and any training requirements.</p>
Further Communication	<p>In the week preceding the meet, further relevant information will be provided to all participants and attendees. This will include the entry list, timeline and finalised meet program, which will outline all meet specific requirements, seating allocations, food availability, club volunteer requirements etc.</p>
Swimmer check-in requirements	<p>Events of 400m and over (400m IM, 400m Free, 800m Free, 1500m Free) require swimmers to confirm their intention to swim. This must be completed at the Help Desk a minimum of one hour prior to the published start time of the relevant event (confirmation times will be published in the program).</p> <p>Any swimmer (either by themselves, coach or team manager) who has not confirmed their intention to swim one hour prior to the published start time for the relevant event WILL BE DEEMED A WITHDRAWAL AND THE EVENT WILL BE RESEDED IF POSSIBLE.</p> <p>Swimmers competing in the 800m and 1500m Freestyle events MUST provide details of their lap counter & timekeeper whilst checking in.</p>
Marshalling	<p>All swim meets within the Gold Coast region are self-marshalling.</p> <p>Competitors in the first 2 events should be behind the blocks in the self-marshalling zone prior to the scheduled starting time of the session. In addition, all competitors should be in the self-marshalling zone 4 heats prior to their own heat.</p>
Photography & Images	<p>In nominating for this meet, swimmers agree that they may be photographed by Swimming Queensland and/or Swimming Gold Coast approved photographers. Any images may be displayed for viewing and purchasing on site during the Meet and on the photographer's secure website after the Meet. They may also be used by Swimming Queensland, Swimming Gold Coast and affiliated clubs at their discretion.</p>
Timekeepers & Volunteers	<p>Timekeepers, Technical Officials, check starters and volunteers will be required to be provided by each club, where available. A schedule will be provided to the clubs by the Emmanuel College Swimming Club.</p>
Results	<p>Age Champions will not be recognised at this meet.</p>



	<p>1st, 2nd and 3rd placings will be determined from the OFFICIAL TIMES swam in the heats.</p> <p>Medals will be awarded to the following Age Groups: 8, 9, 10, and 11years for 50, 100 and 200 metre individual events only.</p> <p>There will be no medals or places awarded for 25 metre events. All participants in 25 metre events will receive participation ribbons.</p> <p>50m FREESTYLE TOP 8 COMBINED SUPER FINAL (events 25/26) – prizes will be awarded to 1st, 2nd and 3rd placegetters.</p> <p>The 400m, 800m and 1500m events will be swum, with medals awarded, as open events. These events will not be multi-aged.</p>
Collections of Medals	<p>Collection of medals is the responsibility of each swimmer. Medals not collected by the end of the meet will not be redeemed.</p>
Meet Mobile	<p>Results may be published in near real time during this meet via the Meet Mobile application.</p> <p>Please note:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">• Results published via Meet Mobile ARE NOT OFFICIAL and should be used as a guide only.• Official meet results are printed by officials during all meets and posted in a prominent position. <p>Official results are also published within 48hrs of the completion of a meet upon the Swimming Gold Coast website and Swim Central.</p>
Pool Compliance	<p>The Emmanuel College Aquatic Centre has undertaken compliance testing and met all current competitive pool standards, as set by Swimming Australia. Gold Coast pool certifications can be viewed here.</p>
Competitive Dive Entry	<p>All swimming competitors and/or their parents, accept that, by nominating for this event, that they have read and understand Swimming Australia's "Dive Entry for Competitive Swimming Policy" and the swimmer(s) meet the dive competency levels outlined in that policy. This policy can be found here.</p>
Food	<p>Emmanuel College Swimming Club will be running a BBQ on the day, and a coffee cart will be on site to offer coffee, snacks, etc.</p>
Force Majeure	<p>In the case of force majeure preventing or resulting in the 2026 Emmanuel College Development Carnival/Distance Meet being cancelled, refund of registration fees will be at the discretion of the Emmanuel College Swimming Club.</p>
Copy of Results	<p>A copy of results will be available on the Swimming Gold Coast website, as well as the Swimming Australia Results Central database – https://www.swimminggoldcoast.org.au/meetresults Results Central</p>

For any entry or swimming enquiries regarding this meet please contact:
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Program of Events

Emmanuel College Swimming Club

Short Course Development Carnival (Session 1) Open Distance Events (Session 2)

Saturday, 30th May 2026

Boys	Event	Girls
1	10-11yrs 200m Freestyle	2
3	6-10yrs 25m Butterfly – Rule Tolerances	4
5	8-11yrs 50m Butterfly	6
7	10-11yrs 100m Backstroke	8
9	6-10yrs 25m Breaststroke - Rule Tolerances	10
11	9-11yrs 100m Individual Medley	12
13	8-11yrs 50m Breaststroke	14
15	10-11yrs 100m Butterfly	16
17	6-10 yrs 25m Freestyle - Rule Tolerances	18
19	8-11yrs 50m Freestyle	20
21	10-11yrs 200m Individual Medley	22
23	10-11yrs 100m Breaststroke	24
25	8-11yrs 50m Freestyle TOP 8 COMBINED SUPER FINAL	26
27	6-10 yrs 25m Backstroke - Rule Tolerances	28
29	8-11yrs 50m Backstroke	30
31	9-11yrs 100m Freestyle	32
	SESSION BREAK – 45 minutes	
33	11yrs & over 400m Freestyle	34
35	11yrs & over 400m Individual Medley	36
37	12yrs & over 800m Freestyle	38
39	13yrs & over 1500m Freestyle	40

- Rule Tolerances will be applied for the 25m events. Participation ribbons will be awarded to all swimmers in the 25m events.
- All 25m, 50m, 100m, 200m events are multi-aged.
- 400m, 800m, 1500m events are open events.