



On Friday March 27, students in Years 3–12 attended our Annual Swimming Carnival at Mount Annan YMCA Leisure Centre. Excitement was running high, with house-colour themed outfits, streamers, banners and cheering, even before the buses departed!

Students competed in age races for freestyle and backstroke, and, for the first time, selected students were nominated by our swimming teachers to compete in an open-age 100m Individual Medley event. Many younger students were inspired to see their older peers racing in the different strokes. Students are to be commended on their efforts, encouragement of each other and for stepping outside of their comfort zones.

The day would not have been the success it was without the support from the many parents and friends that came to cheer, and for the individualised challenges set by our wonderful swimming staff Gill, Mark, Donna and Tanya. We were also incredibly lucky to have the assistance of some remarkable Year 10 students from St Benedict's Catholic College, who volunteered their time to help out with marshalling, place-getting and in-pool support.

There were many highlights, including the Individual Medley races, the house-cheering at the end of the lunch break and the many smiles on faces as students touched the wall at the end of the pool to hear everybody cheering their name!

Marion Abalos, proud mum to Saul (aged 10) and Mischa (aged 9) said "I was amazed with how much their swimming has improved since last year! They both were so confident and competitive today, earning two place ribbons each for the Red team!

...AND INFANTS WATER FUN DAY

Not to miss out on the fun, our Infants students had their own special day back at school! Students in Years K – 2 engaged with many different water-themed activities, including sensory exploration, art-&-craft, experimental 'painting' with different tools and brushes, building sand-sculptures and creating different kinds and sizes of bubbles. A fantastic time was had by all.