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On Patrol with Community Education

About Us

Welcome to our **Term 1 School Newsletter** from the Surf Life Saving NSW Community Education team!

Our motto at Community Education is to “*Engage, Educate and Empower*” schools through our beach and water safety education programs. We have lots on offer and will be showcasing these through our quarterly newsletter to you.

Meet our Lifesavers



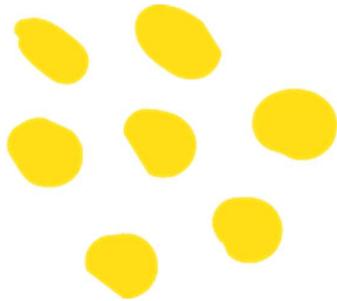
Hi, my name is **James Worrall**, I'm a member of Fingal Beach SLSC, and I'm also a part of the Hunter Branch Support Operations. I've been involved with Surf Life Saving for over 20 years. I generally use the IRB (Inflatable Rescue Boat) while I'm on patrol.

The Support Operations also gives me access to the RWC (Rescue Water Craft). I have one son who has his SRC (Surf Rescue Certificate) and patrols at Fingal Beach with me, which is great!

Over the last 4 years I have been a presenter for the Beach to Bush program where we head 'bush' to meet rural and remote students in NSW to share our beach and waterways knowledge. In doing that I have presented to over five and a half thousand children which has been a great learning experience. Last years' sessions were

presented virtually, it was a bit of a challenge but was still fun and our surf lifesavers were able educate over 7,000 students.

A quick reminder that the beach is a great place to come and visit, so **always swim between the red and yellow flags** and come and say hi to one of our friendly lifesavers and lifeguards.



Here's What We Brought You In 2021!



In **2021** our dedicated *Community Education Team* focused on bringing to NSW schools a range of beach and coastal safety programs and resources for students and teachers:

- Launch of curriculum-aligned [Primary Teaching Resources](#)
- [Beach & Ocean Safety virtual sessions](#) for Primary Students – students will explore the beach and ocean with our lifesavers.
- Launch of the inaugural **Teachers Coastal Education Week**
- **Big Beach Week:** 8,500 students from over 80 schools participated in a week of beach activities
- **Beach to Bush:** our dedicated lifesavers met over 7000 students at 72 schools in 100 virtual sessions over one week!
- **Red & Yellow Day:** over 12,000 students participated in Red & Yellow Day and National Water Safety Activities on 1st December
- Launch of our **Livestreams sessions.**



What's Coming Up In 2022?



BEACH TO BUSH 2022

Our dedicated surf lifesavers are bringing the beach to rural students in NSW from **7-25 November**.

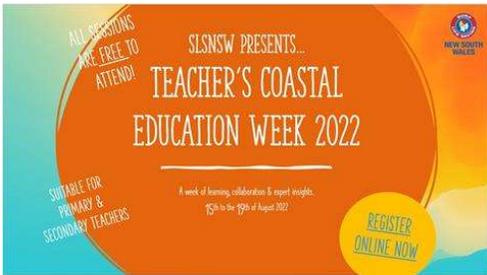
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BIG BEACH WEEK

Celebrating National Water Safety Week - a time when the nation comes together to promote safety around water. **28 November to 2 December**.

[Learn More](#)



TEACHERS COASTAL EDUCATION WEEK LIVESTREAM EVENTS

Primary & Secondary school teachers in NSW have the opportunity to attend a range of **FREE** beach and coastal safety sessions from **15-19 August**.

[Learn More](#)



Bring your students along with us as we take you on a tour of the beach and ocean and explore the coastline together - starts at **9.30am** on the **second Monday of every month**.

[Learn More](#)



LAUNCH OF SECONDARY PROGRAMS AND RESOURCES

Virtual and incursion sessions: These programs focus on key beach and waterway safety messages.

Curriculum aligned subject specific **unit outlines** will be available later in the year for secondary teachers to download. We'll keep you updated through our newsletters.

[Learn More](#)

FAQs

Where can you find more information about resources for primary and secondary students?

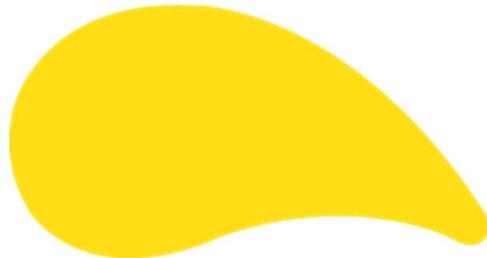
We are continually creating programs and resources for schools, communities, multicultural groups and early childhood centres on our [Beach & Coastal Safety Resource Hub](#).

Are all of our programs and sessions free?

Yes, the majority of our sessions are provided free of charge.

Where can you learn more about beach and ocean safety?

Check out some helpful information and advice on how to stay safe when you visit the beach: [Beach & Ocean Safety - be prepared before you head to the coast](#).



Stay in the loop

Missed one of our previous school newsletters? No problem, you can now access all of the newsletters on [our Hub](#).

Our next On Patrol newsletter will be sent to you at the start of Term 2 2022.

You are welcome to sign up to receive our *On Patrol Newsletter*. We will keep you updated on how to access our free resources, what's new, any exciting programs we have developed and any news items, especially for teachers.

Please sign up here: <https://bit.ly/SLSNSWNewsletter>

"Learning is a treasure that will follow its owner everywhere."

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