



Boating Safety Education Program

Marine and Safety Tasmania is excited to be able to offer your school our free Boating Safety Education Program for Year 3 to 6 students. Our program builds knowledge and understanding of boating safety amongst young children in Tasmania and is aligned with the Department of Education's Swimming and Water Safety Program.

Boating safety is important due to the high number of children who have the opportunity to go boating, given that 1 in 17 Tasmanians own a registered boat.

MAST will provide a trained Education Officer to attend your school and talk to your students, focusing on the 4 steps to remember when you go boating.

Step 1 – Check your boat

Is it safe? Is it seaworthy? Has the motor been serviced? How many people are allowed in your boat?

Step 2 – Check your safety equipment

Do you have lifejackets? Who wears a lifejacket? Are there different types of lifejackets? What else will you need in your boat to keep you safe?

Step 3 - Check the weather

What is the weather forecast? How do you find out what the weather is going to be like? When is it safe and when is it not safe to go boating?

Step 4 - Have a plan and tell someone

Did you tell someone where you are going? What information do you need to give? How many people are on board?

Importantly, our safety program aligns with the following Australian Curriculum, Health and Physical Education outcome for Years 3 to 6 - *Identify and practice strategies to promote health, safety and wellbeing (ACPPS036).*

MAST Boating Safety talks are approximately 40 minutes long and include the display of safety equipment and a demonstration about how to put on a lifejacket correctly. A flare demonstration can also be arranged by request.

It is recommended that your school engages a MAST Education Officer biennially, to ensure that we speak to every child twice during their Primary School years.

If you require any more information, please contact MAST on 6235 8888 or email admin@mast.tas.gov.au.

We hope that you are interested in making this part of your school's curriculum and look forward to your response.

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