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WaterSafe Auckland Launches The Integrated Aquatic Programme A one-stop portal for Teachers!

WaterSafe Auckland and collaborative aquatic organisations are launching a new aquatic resource, the Integrated Aquatic Programme (IAP) for teachers of year 0 - 8.

The IAP is designed to assist teachers' planning and implementation of sequential aquatic programmes in schools. The development of the IAP ensures schools can easily access the various water safety programmes and resources that can be used to meet the needs of students and New Zealand Curricula.

The IAP provides a pathway to link aquatics education in schools to recreational aquatic activities in the community. It promotes physical activity and safe, life long engagement in, on and near water.

The Integrated Aquatic Programme will be launched at the Physical Education/Physical Activity Hui Partnerships in Action at Waipuna Lodge on the 21st February, hosted by the Ministry of Education and Sport and Recreation New Zealand (SPARC).

Throughout the year professional development will be offered by WaterSafe Auckland and associated partners, to support teachers in the use of the IAP and developing sequential aquatic programmes for schools.

Teaching aquatics within the school climate can be a challenge for educationalists. WaterSafe Auckland and associated partners believe the Integrated Aquatic Programme will assist teachers in delivering quality teaching and learning to meet the needs of their students. It will enable teachers to be better informed about available aquatic resources which develop the skills, knowledge and behaviours of student's for safe and enjoyable participation within aquatic environments – the bottom line, to prevent drownings.

Aquatic partners have a comprehensive overview page summarising their resources on the IAP. The Integrated Aquatic Programme will go live on the 21st February and can be downloaded from www.watersafe.org.nz

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