Activity scope
Snorkelling refers to a swimming activity in which a person may either swim on the surface or dive below with surface breathing at atmospheric pressure. This document relates to snorkelling undertaken in a swimming pool.

Special considerations
- A minimum of two adults is required for this activity in primary schools.
- The leader or a competent teacher should be ready to enter the water at all times to assist a student in difficulty.
- If an adult other than a registered teacher is engaged for instruction, a registered teacher should be present to take overall responsibility.
- An adult present should have the ability to:
  - rescue a student from the water at the venue
  - perform first aid
  - perform cardiopulmonary resuscitation.

Minimum activity-specific qualifications for supervisors
- An adult with experience in the teaching of snorkelling.

Minimum activity-specific equipment/facilities
- Students should use their own masks, fins, and snorkels for safety, hygiene and comfort. If equipment is being shared, it must be thoroughly disinfected.
- Face masks should have nose pockets and tempered glass.
- Young students should use small-bore diameter snorkels.
- Equipment should be checked carefully before use and should conform to Australian Standards specifications.
- Rescue devices (e.g. float, lifebuoy, pole with looped rope or inflated tube) should be available.

Activity-specific hazards/risks and suggested control measures
- Establish safety systems (such as buddy systems and roll checks) appropriate to the location.
- Include a comprehensive session on the selection, use and care of equipment.
- Instruct students in hygienic practices when sharing equipment.
- Check that equipment is correctly fitted.
- Assess the swimming and water safety competency of all students.
- Provide initial instruction in shallow water.
- Instruct students regarding the dangers of hyperventilation.
- Conduct warm-up sessions.

Useful activity-specific links
- Royal Life Saving Queensland
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