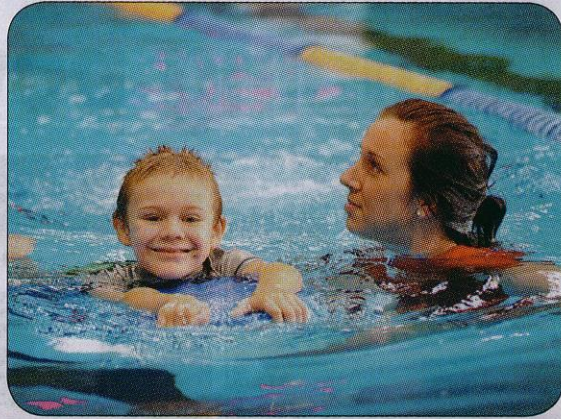


■ Monash University student Laura Munn and Yinnar South Primary School student Marcus



■ Monash University student Rachel Williams and Yinnar South Primary School student Travis  
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# Partnering up in the pool

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STUDENTS have been partnering up to advance aquatic abilities of primary school students.

Yinnar South Primary School students have been lucky enough to receive "fantastic" one-on-one swimming lessons from Monash University education students.

School principal Katy Grandin said it was a good partnership program that allowed the children to receive

valuable tuition at no cost.

"For our (students) to get one-on-one water experience is great; the parents have given really positive feedback and it's been thoroughly enjoyed by everybody," Ms Grandin said.

Monash University health and physical education coordinator Dr Tim Lynch said by completing this component of their training, the education students were then also able to get the swimming instructor qualification.

"They'll then go into school with confidence and competence and the skills needed, which is great because they can come down and get in the pool and help swimming instructors," Dr Lynch said.

"We have a great human resource in the students who are a great team... if they end up in a small school like Yinnar South then there's the situation that they alone could take the kids swimming."

Student teacher Georgia Collings said she enjoyed the

sessions because she was able to use the skills she had developed through coaching at Traralgon Swimming Club and she loved teaching in a different environment.

"I particularly like working with other people in my course who probably aren't as familiar with teaching kids how to swim, so I've found that great because I've been able to share my knowledge and what I do with my club," Ms Collings said.

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