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## SWIMMING FEARS

WATER safety experts are warning of a tragic summer amid fears more than half of Aussie kids are not learning to swim.

Only 37 per cent of parents plan to enrol their child in official swimming lessons in the next six months, a report commissioned by Swim Australia has found.

The SwimSAFER report also revealed 51 per cent of parents are not confident their child could help themselves in a "water emergency".

Swim Australia CEO Brendan Ward said the pandemic would have a long-term effect on the swimming ability of children in Australia.