

5 reasons to Learn Sign This Summer:

- There are more courses at more places than ever before in Australia
- Up to 23% of the population use sign daily
- The accelerating rate of early onset hearing loss (around 20% currently)
- Hearing assistive devices and lipreading do not work for many summer activities, for instance:
- Hearing aids and cochlear implants are not recommended for use around water, in high humidity, nor in high or fluctuating temperatures. They do not like airconditioning systems, sand, sudden decent (such as absailing or flying), heat and perperation.
- * This precludes their use at the beach, in the snow, watersports, in the bathroom.
- Electrical devices like fluorescent tubes & refrigerators can interfer with these devices.
- * They can easily be dislodged, damaged or lost, during most physical activities
- * Are sensitive to the wind and background noise, so outside tends to be a bad place for them
- Lipreading will be difficult if the speaker is not facing you, or too far away, or unfamiliar to you.

This means sign is often the favoured communication option when:

swimming, playing at the beach, canoeing and kyacking, diving and snorkeling, sailboarding, fishing, water skiing, jetskiing, surfing, sailing, hang-gliding, bathing and showering, ball games, funpark rides kite flying and dancing in the rain.

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