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The Pool Balance Cheat Sheet

Crystal-clear water isn't luck — it's five numbers sitting in their happy range. Get these right and algae has nowhere to live.

WHAT	SWEET SPOT	WHY IT MATTERS
Chlorine	1-3 ppm	Kills bacteria & algae. Too low = green; too high = stings.
pH	7.2-7.6	How acidic the water is. Off = cloudy water, sore eyes, lazy chlorine.
Total alkalinity	80-120 ppm	Stops pH bouncing around. Your buffer.
Calcium hardness	150-250 ppm	Too low eats surfaces; too high = scale.
Stabiliser (CYA)	30-50 ppm	Sunscreen for your chlorine — vital in the Aussie sun.

The one most people miss

Stabiliser (CYA). Without it, the Queensland sun burns off your chlorine in hours. Too much and your chlorine goes lazy. It's the quiet hero of an Aussie pool.

Test in the right order

Sort pH first, then chlorine. Chlorine barely works when pH is out, so balancing pH first saves you adding chemicals you didn't need.

YOUR SIMPLE WEEKLY ROUTINE

- ✓ **Empty** the skimmer & pump baskets — good flow is everything.
- ✓ **Skim** the surface and brush walls, steps & waterline.
- ✓ **Test** chlorine and pH at minimum, weekly.
- ✓ **Top up** chlorine and adjust pH if needed.
- ✓ **Run** the filter 8-10 hrs/day in summer, 4-6 in winter.
- ✓ **Eyeball** equipment for leaks, drips or odd noises.

Numbers off and not sure what to do?

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