

# BRONTE

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## SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

### Nippers Board Training 2025

The Club offers terrific training for Nippers who are interested in improving their skills and representing Bronte at carnivals. There are 3 levels of board training squads.

#### Our experienced coaches:

- Jo Mermaid – operator of [Mermaid Swim Academy](#) and provider of (world) famous Nipper Camps!
- Jason Gavin – we're thrilled to welcome back a Bronte Nippers legend. Jason is an incredibly experienced Nippers board coach, former Age Manager and once a Bronte nipper himself!

#### Beginners Squad

- Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm at Bondi with Jo Mermaid (meet at water's edge to the left of Bondi SLSC – when facing the water).

For Nippers U9+ who are new to boards and would like to receive instruction on how to paddle, negotiate the shore break and build confidence. RSVP via Bronte Board Training in Stack TeamApp.

Weekly sessions on Tuesday afternoons in 2 blocks: 21/10/2025- 09/12/2025 and 13/01/2026 – 10/03/2026.

#### Development Squad

- Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm at Bondi
- Saturdays 3.30pm - 5pm at Bronte
- Sundays 3.30pm – 4.30pm at Bronte

This squad is run by Jason Gavin (Tuesdays & Sundays) and Jo Mermaid (Saturdays). It is for competent swimmers (at least 1-2 swim sessions per week) who can paddle a board in and out of small surf, pop over waves & catch waves. It is not a beginners squad. RSVP via Bronte Board Training in Stack TeamApp.

Weekly sessions on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons in 3 blocks: 6/09/2025- 20/09/2025 (Saturday sessions only); 18/10/2025 – 14/12/2025 and 13/01/2026 – 14/03/2026.

#### Competition Squad

- Tuesdays 4pm - 5pm at Bondi
- Saturdays 3.30pm - 5pm at Bronte
- Sundays 3.30pm – 4.30pm at Bronte

This squad is run by Jason Gavin (Tuesdays & Sundays) and Jo Mermaid (Saturdays). It provides intensive training for those at an advanced level who will represent Bronte at Carnivals. The squad does a minimum of 4km per session. Participation in this squad is at the discretion of Coaches. Please RSVP via Bronte Board Training in Stack TeamApp.

Weekly sessions on Tuesday, Saturday and Sunday afternoons in 3 blocks: 6/09/2025- 20/09/2025 (Saturday sessions only); 18/10/2025 – 14/12/2025 and 13/01/2026 –14/03/2026.

## Training Fee

- Season fee: \$330 (covers board and sand training)
- Payable via your SLS Hub by 21 October 2025:
  - Log into your SLS Hub
  - Click on 'More' (top of screen) → 'Memberships' → 'Organisation(s)' → 'Make a Payment'
  - Use the following: Transaction Type: Other (from drop down list) → Description: Nipper training for [full name of child] → Amount: \$330
- Refunds: available if written notice is received by end October 2025. No refunds after 31 October 2025.

**Must bring:** own board, pink rashie, goggles and drink bottle. The Club will not be providing, lending or renting boards for any of the above sessions.

**Water Safety:** required for session to go ahead. All participants must sign in and out. Water safety parents are expected to bring orange rashies, own boards if they have them and be prepared to get wet.

**Communication:** Stack TeamApp. Search 'Bronte Board Training' and request access. Always check Stack TeamApp prior to the commencement of the session to ensure that it has not been cancelled or relocated due to unfavourable conditions.

Competitors: join the 'Carnivals' Chat within the Bronte Nippers WhatsApp Community and the following Sydney Branch team within Stack Team App: 'Surf Sports Sydney'.

**Nipper boards:** Any child who wishes to train in the board training squads must have their own board.

**Foamies (U9 & U10) – buyback program:** the Club will buy back your foam board in the future if you purchase a **new** foam board. If the board is in good condition, we will pay \$300 to buy back the board after 1 year, and \$200 after 2 years of the original purchase. To participate, send the original receipt of purchase to [nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au](mailto:nippers@brontesurfclub.com.au).

**Fibreglass (U11-U13):** If you wish to purchase a second hand fibreglass board, try [geartrade.com.au](https://www.geartrade.com.au) or search Facebook for this group: 'Second Hand Surf Lifesaving Craft, Surf Lifesaving Only'.

Please also check the following chat within our Bronte Nippers WhatsApp Community: 'Bronte Secondhand Nipper Boards – buy & sell'.

**Questions?** Please feel free to contact Al Visch: [ajvisch@yahoo.com.au](mailto:ajvisch@yahoo.com.au).