

BRONTE

SURF LIFE SAVING CLUB • 1903

Dear Bronte Nippers Families

We are looking forward to welcoming our Nippers and their families to Bronte this year!

General information

The [Nippers pages](#) of our website are now bursting with useful information in relation to our Nippers program. Please check online for updates and additional information. Club policies are also [here](#).

Communication: TeamApp. We use TeamApp for **all** Nippers communications so it's really important that all Nippers families arrange access: download 'TeamApp' on your phone, search for 'Bronte Nippers' and request access to your relevant group/s.

Nippers start date. Nippers will return on Sunday 16 October 2022 to coincide with Term 4.

Proficiencies. It's an SLSA requirement that all Nippers complete a proficiency swim and skills evaluation before they can undertake water activities at Nippers. Requirements can be found [here](#).

A 'proficiency swim and skills morning' for U8-U14 only will take place on Sunday 18 September at St Catherine's school pool (timetable to follow via TeamApp to registered Nippers).

Please get your kids in the water over the coming weeks (ocean or pool) and keep up their swimming lessons and squads!

Uniform. There are 2 compulsory items at Nippers:

- age group cap; and
- pink, high-vis rash vest. *compulsory for U8-U14 and highly recommended for U6-U7

These are safety requirements so that all Nippers are easily seen on the beach and in the water. No cap and high-vis rash vest = no water. No exceptions.

Your Nipper will wear the same Age Group cap from U6 right through to U14 and all new Nippers will be given their cap. We will run a Nippers merchandise stall at the Club on Sunday 18 September (morning), and on additional occasions, pre-season – stay tuned for details.

Parent involvement. Nippers is volunteer run! There are so many ways to be involved as a parent at Nippers - you do not need to have had surf lifesaving experience. One thing we can tell you for certain: the more you get involved, the more your child and you will enjoy Nippers. It is one of the few kids' sports where the whole family can have a great morning together at the beach.

If you wish to actively help with Nippers activities on the beach, you'll need to:

- be a current member of Bronte SLSC; and
- become an 'Age Assistant' (short online course); or
- hold a current Bronze Medallion; and
- provide us with your Working With Children Check (apply here: [WWCC](#))

Please see [here](#) for more details.

Age Assistants and Managers for Under 6 and Under 7. We're thrilled to welcome our youngest Nippers! We will need volunteers willing to assist these groups as Age Managers/Assistants for the whole season. Please see [here](#) for more details.

BBQ. The Nipper BBQ is a huge part of the Sunday morning experience and an awesome opportunity to help out the Club. Each Age Group will be [rostered on](#) for one entire Sunday morning shift (8am-11am). For most, that's it for the season! Please make sure your morning is well-staffed. If anyone is keen to become the Nipper BBQ manager (potentially a paid position each Sunday morning) please contact management@brontesurfclub.com.au.

Training. The Club offers board training (U9-U14) and sand training (U8-U14) for kids interested in advancing their skills. Training will resume shortly and details will be sent via TeamApp. Information can also be found [here](#).

If in doubt, opt out. Please do not send your child to Nippers, nor attend yourself if your child, or any of your household, has **any** symptoms of transmissible illness, however slight. We have a collective responsibility towards each other to keep our community healthy, at school and at work. Let's keep the vulnerable Nippers within our cohort, front of mind.

Important notes

Refund policy. Please see the Club's Nippers refund policy [here](#).

Active Kids Vouchers and financial hardship. When registering, Nipper families can use their Active Kids Vouchers towards payment.

The Club has some provision to support the membership of Nippers whose families are experiencing financial hardship. Please don't hesitate to email Director of Nippers, Anthony Burrows (directorofnippers@brontesurfclub.com.au) if you wish to be considered for this support. No child shall be denied access to Nippers due to financial hardship.

Flexible approach. As past seasons have taught us, we will again approach Nippers with open, flexible minds and be prepared to change things if required for any reason.

We look forward to welcoming you back to Nippers!