

BGS+ FUTSAL CLUB

INFORMATION

HANDBOOK

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Welcome to BGS+ Futsal

BGS+ Futsal has been formed to:

- Support the Brighton Grammar School competition program in FV and FV Associated competitions.
- Provide Futsal training and competitions to the Brighton Grammar School community and the Bayside area.
- Provide a high-performance off-season program for those in the Brighton Grammar School Soccer Academy and the Bayside Soccer community.

BGS+ Futsal Vision

The BGS+ Futsal program will run year-round, with BGS the one-stop-shop for its Soccer players. For the Soccer community, BGS+ Futsal will remove the need for players to attend external programs and in some instances will replace their community club commitments. The program will be all-inclusive, providing a pathway for boys and girls domestically and internationally.

Eligibility

BGS+ Futsal has teams for boys and girls from U7s through to U16s, as well as Youth Women, Youth Men, Open Women and Open Men. We welcome all ages and skill levels to come and try the sport.

Meet the Coaches

Kogulan Sabaratnam

An extremely well known and connected figure in the Victorian Soccer and Futsal communities, Kogulan has been appointed Director of BGS+. Kogulan holds an FFA/AFC 'A' License and an AFC Level 1 Futsal License. He has run two Futsal clubs, won numerous state and national competitions and has been a Victorian State Futsal Coach for 8 years.

Kogulan coached the Brighton Grammar First XI Soccer team, a role he held for 8 years. He led Trinity Grammar's First XI to the 2024 AGSV Premiership and State Final. He is the current Senior Head Coach of Box Hill United Women in the NPLW. His previous coaching experiences include stints at Melbourne City Football Club, Melbourne Victory, Western United, Box Hill United Men, FC Bulleen Lions, Bentleigh Greens and internationally in Japan.

Having started the BGS+ Soccer and BGS+ Futsal programs, Kogulan continues to oversee their growth and expansion.

Andy Burnett

Andy recently started his new role as Head of BGS+ Soccer and BGS+ Futsal. He has been involved in the BGS+ Soccer program since its inception in 2021 and has played a pivotal role in its continued growth.

Andy holds an AFC/FFA B Licence and plans to undertake the A Licence soon. He has over 20 years of coaching experience and since moving to Australia in 2015, coaching has become his full-time career. He has held many coaching positions within the school system, clubs and State Representative teams. Some notable achievements include winning the 2023 APS Premiership with Caulfield Grammar Girls First XI (also reaching the State Final), reaching the 2024 Futsal National Championships Final with the U13 Victorian Boys team, guiding Calder United U17s and U19s to the NPLW Finals in 2023, and assisting in the setup of the Western United Girls Development Centre.

Andy has vast experience coaching across all age groups, both boys and girls, and he is driven to see players succeed in taking that next step in their playing journeys. With development and seeing the bigger picture always at the forefront of his thoughts, his holistic approach to coaching allows for a positive yet structured environment.

Andrew Ambroisine

Andrew is an experienced coach with an AFC/FFA C Licence, specialising in coaching boys and girls aged from 3 to 16 years, coaching both Soccer and Futsal teams.

His previous roles include coaching at Bayside Argonauts, where he coached boys' community teams from U11s-U16s, guiding them to U15s League and Championship titles. Most recently he has coached across all the BGS+ Programs, as a Head Coach of our SAP teams, Futsal teams, and Little Stars development sessions. Notable achievements include his U11s Girls team reaching the Final in the Melbourne Cup in 2023 and coaching the U12 Boys at the Gold Coast International in 2023.

Andrew emphasises both tactical growth and character development in his coaching approach.

Dylan Dsouza

Dylan holds an AFC/FFA C Licence and has extensive experience coaching at the grassroots level. He has collaborated with Football Australia to deliver the MiniRoos program in various school and club settings. He is also actively involved with Mazenod Football Club and Juventus Academy Melbourne in developing their junior programs.

At BGS+, Dylan has significantly contributed to the development of the Little Stars and SAP programs. He has coached the U9s and U15s Futsal teams, guiding them to third and first place finishes respectively at the Melbourne Cup in 2023.

Dylan is committed to player development, with a focus on both technical skills and personal growth. He aims to create a positive environment where players can build confidence and a lasting love for the game.

Aaron Jones

Aaron is a highly experienced AFC/FFA C Licence coach known for his significant contributions to the BGS+ SAP and Futsal programs. He is continuing his football education and is currently enrolled in the AFC/FFA B Licence to further his expertise and knowledge of the game.

At BGS+ Aaron plays a crucial role in shaping the development of young players, overseeing the ELC and Prep Little Stars Programs for early learners, and as Head Coach in the SAP program. His work ensures that young players are engaged and develop foundation skills while creating a positive relationship with the game and their teammates and coaches alike. Additionally, he has made notable contributions to the Futsal program, guiding the Youth Women to victory in the 2023 State Futsal Championships and placing second at the Gold Coast International. He has recently been appointed Team Manager for the U15 Girls Victorian Team for the upcoming National Futsal Championships.

Other roles Aaron has held include 2024 Girls Sport Victoria Head Coach, Bentleigh Greens U15s NPLW Head Coach, and Senior Women's Head Coach at Monbulk Rangers SC where he led the Club to promotion into the VPL.

He shares his passion and love for the game with his players to help inspire them and his expertise and commitment significantly enhance their growth and success on and off the pitch.

Luke Whitfield

Luke is a huge Soccer enthusiast. Having played soccer for various community teams throughout his playing days, he recently developed the coaching bug. He has been coaching in the BGS+ program for the past year and has shown huge growth already in this space, so much so he now leads the BGS+ Little Stars Program. Luke also started as an Assistant Coach in the SAP program, before being promoted to Head Coach of the U8s.

Luke is excited about being involved in the BGS+ Futsal space. He has also just been named as Team Manager for the U13 Boys Victorian Team where he will assist Andy Burnett (Head of BGS+ Soccer and BGS+ Futsal) at the upcoming National Futsal Championships.

Luke currently holds the Foundations of Football qualification and has recently completed his AFC/FFA C Licence.

Having just transitioned into coaching, Luke's enthusiasm, matched with his commitment and desire to learn and grow as a coach, make him a fantastic asset to the BGS+ community.

Destiny Kweyama

Destiny is an experienced coach who started his coaching journey in South Africa, coaching U10s-U15s boys as well as U18 girls, doubling as a Head Coach and a Goalkeeper Coach. He then moved to America and continued coaching, spending three years as a Goalkeeper Coach at the NAIA College in California.

Last year Destiny was involved across the BGS+ Programs, coaching BGS+ Little Stars, SAP and Futsal. He was a key member of the coaching team at the Gold Coast International earlier this year.

Destiny loves to help develop young players individually, with a focus on technical and tactical aspects. He is also known for finding new and innovative ways to connect a group and show them how to work within a team environment. Although he specialises in goalkeeping, he also holds experience in both Soccer and Futsal. His passion and understanding are ever present in his coaching style.

Rahul Ramkumar

Rahul is a dedicated coach and active goalkeeper in Australia's VPL and State Leagues. With coaching experience in both India and Australia since the age of 19, Rahul has worked with players of all levels, from elite National Premier League (NPL) goalkeepers to young players just starting their footballing journeys. At BGS+ Rahul is a valued member of the coaching cohort, directly involved in delivering sessions to our ELC students and was Head Coach of the U7s BGS+ SAP team this season. In addition to regular team coaching, Rahul has helped to deliver holiday programs across the state, providing structured and enjoyable training for young players.

Specialising in youth development, Rahul adopts a practical approach to coaching, focusing on technical skills, tactical understanding, and building a resilient, growth-oriented mindset. His core philosophy is to ensure young players enjoy the game and look forward to returning to training as much as games.

With five years of coaching experience now under his belt, Rahul is committed to helping players grow both on and off the pitch, creating an environment that emphasises confidence, discipline, and a passion for the game.

Leo Pereira

Hailing from Brazil, Leo is an experienced coach with a passion for developing young players. He has been involved with several local clubs including Elwood City, Brighton, Sandringham, Maccabi, and Melbourn City's after school program. He has also worked in the private sector, offering specialised technical sessions one-on-one and to small groups. Leo recently coached his U11 Maccabi side to first place in the Oblates Cup and led his U12s Girls to second place at the Chelsea Cup.

In addition to his club roles here in Victoria, Leo has international experience, having coached in his native Brazil. Leo's travels have also included Norway and France where he was a volunteer coach. He also coached in the Suburb Leagues in Montpellier in 2010.

Leo currently holds certificates from FFA, covering referee training and multicultural communities in football. He is also enlisted to complete the AFC/FFA C Licence. He specialises in technical and tactical training and fostering a strong foundation for young players.

Contact with Coaches

Email is the preferred method to communicate with coaches.

Coaches are always happy to speak with parents regarding a player's progress. However, during a training session or a competition, the coaches must be free to concentrate on the players. Parents are asked to remain off pitch during training sessions. It is disconcerting for both the coach and players if a parent approaches the coach during the session. If parents have a question or concern, they are requested to email the team coach in the first instance. If necessary, a mutually convenient time can be arranged to meet and discuss the matter further.

Communication

Communication from BGS+ Futsal will primarily come through the BGS app. For parents needing further information, please email BGSsoccer@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au or call 0451 024 617.

BGS+ Futsal Pathways

The BGS+ Futsal program runs in Term 4 during the Soccer off-season.

BGS+ Futsal players will play in [Football Victoria \(FV\)](#) Futsal competitions that cater to a wide range of abilities from first time players to advanced players vying for State Team selection.

Football Victoria is the governing body for Soccer in Victoria. FV look after the registration of all clubs and delivery of Soccer and Futsal programs from semi-professional to amateur and youth teams.

BGS+ Futsal aims to provide opportunities for all players to participate in Futsal. Grading and squad selection by our coaches to place players at the appropriate level for development is key in ensuring all players get the most out of their Futsal experience.

BGS+ Futsal players in our advanced teams aged 11 and over are aiming for positions in the FV Futsal State team that competes at the [Football Australia Futsal National Championships](#).

Competitions

BGS+ Futsal will be participating in [Futsal Melbourne](#)

BGS+ Futsal Training Schedule

Commencing Term 4 – Monday 7 October 2024

All Futsal games are played on a Friday after school or Sunday mornings, which may vary based on fixturing. Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday are our main training days. All training sessions include a warm-up with some skill-based ball work, technical/tactical components, and game-based practice.

FUTSAL TRAINING SCHEDULE FOR TERM 4

	TUE	WED	THURS	SAT
U7 Boys	3.30-4.30pm JS Oval			
U8 Boys	3.30-4.30pm JS Oval			
U8 Boys (External)			4.30-5.30pm JS Oval	
U9 Boys		3.30-4.30pm JS Oval		
U10 Boys		3.30-4.30pm JS Oval		
U11 Boys	5.30-6.30pm			
U13 Boys	6.45-7.45pm			
U15 Boys			5.30-6.30pm	
U16 Boys			6.45-7.45pm	
U15 Girls		5.30-6.30pm		
Youth Men			6.45-7.45pm	
Youth Women		6.45-7.45pm		
Open Men				Afternoon
Open Women		6.45-7.45pm		

Training will take place at the BGS Junior School, either in the Gymnasium or on the Oval.

Competitions will take place at BGS or FV-sanctioned venues in the southeast suburbs. These can include but are not limited to:

- [Dandenong Stadium](#)
- [St John's Regional College](#)
- [Springers Leisure Centre \(Keysborough\)](#)

Training Location

BGS+ Futsal will train in the Junior School Gymnasium at Brighton Grammar located at 276 New St Brighton. Entry to the school is via Gate 4, see the map over the page.



Coaching Fees

The all-inclusive cost for the BGS+ Futsal program is \$550. This includes:

- 10 Training sessions consisting of skills training and game practice
- FV Registration and Insurance
- Practice match and gala day fees (partially refunded if not used)
- Uniform **NOT** included (can be purchased through Ultra Football)

To enrol in the BGS+ Futsal program, register your interest in the relevant age group for the 2024 season.

- U7s – 2017 Born
- U8s – 2016 Born
- U9s – 2015 Born
- U10s – 2014 Born
- U11s – 2013 Born
- U12s – 2012 Born
- U13s – 2011 Born
- U14s – 2010 Born
- U15s – 2009 Born
- U16s – 2008 Born
- Youth Men – 2005-2007 Born
- Youth Women – 2007-2008
- Open Men – <2004 Born
- Open Women – <2006 Born

Club Uniforms

The BGS+ Futsal uniform can be found at [Ultra Football](#).

This cost is separate from fees. The uniform is made up of the following:

- Home Jersey (Navy)
- Shorts (Navy)
- Socks (Navy)
- Goalkeeper strip is available in Orange

Other Gear Required for Futsal Players

Futsal players require Futsal shoes and shin guards. Futsal shoes are flat-soled non-marking shoes that can be bought at any sports retailer. Popular Futsal brands include Joma, Mizuno, Adidas and Nike.

Futsal shoes and shin guards are not part of the supplied uniform and must be purchased separately.

BGS+ Futsal Optional Tournaments

In addition to the Term 4 competition that runs during the Soccer off season, BGS+ Futsal will provide our players with the following optional extra tournaments and competitions.

- [Gold Coast International Futsal Tournament](#)
 - Where: Carrara Indoor Sports Centre at Metricon Stadium, Gold Coast
 - When: 13-18 January 2025
 - Cost: TBC
- [FV State Club Championships](#)
 - Where: Latrobe University, Bundoora, VIC
 - When: TBC
 - Cost: TBC
- [Melbourne Futsal Cup](#)
 - Where: Springers Leisure Centre
 - When: December (dates TBC)
 - Cost (TBC)

Player Welfare

If a parent or player has any concerns regarding a coaching, team, or competition-related matter they should first discuss the situation with their Team Coach. If the matter is not able to be resolved, or they would like further support or advice, the next step is to contact Andy Burnett (Head of BGS+ Soccer and BGS+ Futsal).

BGS+ Soccer Member Protection Information

The BGS+ Futsal Program will follow the Football Australia Member Protection Framework. The Football Australia Member Protection Framework (MPF) provides the policies and procedures that support Football Australia's commitment to eliminating discrimination, harassment, child abuse and other forms of inappropriate behaviour from Soccer and Futsal.

You can access the various Policies and Procedures that comprise the MPF by clicking on the following links:

[Safeguarding Policy](#)

[Anti-Bullying and Harassment Policy](#)

[Anti-Discrimination Policy](#)

[National Complaints Procedure](#)

Further information on member football protection can be found [on the Football Australia website](#).

BGS+ Soccer and Futsal Code of Conduct

All participants in the BGS+ Soccer program (players/students, coaches/staff and parents/guardians) must comply with the school's code of conduct which can be accessed online or via the links below.

[Students Code of Conduct](#)

[Parents' Code of Conduct](#)

[All other policies](#)

Key Contact Information

Reception hours: 10.00am to 5.00pm Monday to Friday

Address: Gate 4, 276 New St Brighton 3186

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