

**BGS+ SKILLS
ACQUISITION
PROGRAM**

**INFORMATION
HANDBOOK**

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Welcome to BGS+ Skills Acquisition Program (SAP)

BGS+ SAP has been formed to:

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

BGS+ Soccer Vision

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

Eligibility

BGS+ SAP has teams for boys and girls from U7s through to U13s. We welcome all ages and skill levels to come and try the sport.

Meet the Director

Kogulan Sabaratnam is the Technical Director and Program Coordinator of the Academy. Kogulan currently 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 10 years.

Kogulan coached the Brighton Grammar First XI for 9 years. His previous coaching experiences include stints at Melbourne City Football Club, Box Hill United, FC Bulleen Lions, Bentleigh Greens and Internationally in Japan. He is currently the Western United U15 Head coach, which is a full-time A-League academy program.

Kogulan can be contacted at ksabaratnam@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au

Contact with Coaches

Email is the preferred contact method to speak to coaches.

The coaches are always happy to speak with parents regarding a player's progress. During a training session or during 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 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+ Soccer 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+ SAP Pathways

The BGS+ Skills Acquisition Program runs as our Miniroos program in conjunction with Hampton East Brighton Junior Soccer Club.

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.

The aim of BGS+ SAP is to provide opportunities for all players to participate in SAP gala days and be exposed to an advanced level training. Grading and squad selection by our coaches to place players at the appropriate level for the development is key in ensuring all players get the most out of their SAP experience.

BGS+ SAP players in our advanced teams aged 12 to 13 are aiming for positions in the FV Talent Identification and Development Centres (TIDC). Players who make the TIDC squad are in the talent pool to be picked for the Victorian State Team as well as the A-League clubs who scout at these sessions.

Competitions

BGS+ SAP will participate in FV SAP gala days and in their respective age group on Miniroos competitions.

BGS+ SAP Training Schedule

Commencing Term 1 Week 2 – 5 February 2024

	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday
U7 (2017 born) JS Oval	3.45-5.00pm		3.45-5.00pm	
U8 (2016 born) JS Oval	3.45-5.00pm		3.45-5.00pm	
U9 (2015 born) JS Oval	3.45-5.00pm		3.45-5.00pm	
U10 (2014 born) JS Oval		3.45-5.00pm		3.45-5.00pm
U11 (2013 born) JS Oval		3.45-5.00pm		3.45-5.00pm

Program concludes at the end of Term 3 - 20 September 2024

Training will take place at the BGS Junior School Oval.

Competitions will take place at BGS or FV sanctioned venues in Melbourne.

Training Location

BGS+ SAP will train on the Junior School Oval located at Brighton Grammar's Junior School campus, 276 New Street, Brighton. The training area is circled in red below.



Coaching Fees

The per term cost to be part of the BGS+ Skills Acquisition Program is \$1000. This includes:

- Approximately 48 training sessions
- Equipment and maintenance fees
- Coaching costs
- BGS+ administration costs

The annual registration fee is \$370 for U7-9s and \$490 for U10-12s, which is processed by the Hampton East Brighton Soccer Club. This includes:

- Uniforms
- FV competition fees
- HEBFC administration costs

To enrol, register your interest for 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

Club Uniforms

The SAP uniform is the same uniform used by the entire BGS+ Soccer program. Uniforms will be provided by Hampton East Brighton. Costs associated with uniforms are incorporated into the season fees.

The uniform is made up of the following:

- Training Jersey (BGS+/HEBFC Home Jersey)
- Shorts
- Socks

Other Gear Required for Soccer Players

SAP players require Soccer shoes and shin guards.

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

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 [Kogulan Sabaratnam](#).

BGS+ Soccer Member Protection Information

The BGS+ SAP 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 SAP 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 are accessed online or the links below.

[Students Code of Conduct](#)

[Parents Code of Conduct](#)

[All other policies](#)

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