



**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 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 & Head of Program

**Kogulan Sabaratnam** is the Director of all the BGS+ Programs. 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 nine years. His previous coaching experiences include stints at Melbourne City Football Club, Box Hill United, FC Bulleen Lions, Bentleigh Greens and internationally in Japan as well as Western United U15 Head coach, which is a full-time A-League academy program.

Kogulan can be contacted at [ksabaratnam@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au](mailto:ksabaratnam@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au)

**Andy Burnett** is the current BGS+ Head of Soccer and Futsal. He has been involved in the program since its inception in 2021 and played a pivotal role in its continued growth. With over 20 years' coaching experience, he holds an AFC/FFA B Diploma and is currently completing the UEFA/FAW C Certificate. Since moving to Australia in 2015, Andy has held several coaching positions across a variety of age groups, in the community, NPL and school space, and across both the male and female pathways. He has also represented the State on numerous occasions at Nationals as a Futsal Head Coach, finishing runner up in the past two editions.

Andy can be contacted at [aburnett@brightongrammar.vic.edu.au](mailto:aburnett@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](mailto: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 – 3 February 2025

	MON	TUE	WED	THURS	FRI	SAT
U7s			3.30- 4.45PM			AM games at Dendy Park
U8s (PT)			3.30- 4.45PM			AM home games at Chelt Park
U8s (FT)	3.30- 4.45PM		3.30- 4.45PM			AM home games at Chelt Park
U9s (ADP)	4.15- 5.30PM		4.15- 5.30PM			AM home games at Chelt Park
U10s (ADP)			4.15- 5.30PM		4.15- 5.30PM	PM home games at Mitchell Oval (BGS)
U10s (BGS)		3.30- 4.45PM		3.30- 4.45PM		PM home games at Mitchell Oval (BGS)
U11s (ADP)		4.15- 5.30PM		4.15- 5.30PM		PM home games at Mitchell Oval (BGS)
U11s (BGS)		3.30- 4.45PM				PM home games at Mitchell Oval (BGS)
U12s		4.15- 5.30PM		5.15- 5.30PM		PM home games at Mitchell Oval (BGS)

### Program concludes at the end of Term 3 - 19 September 2025

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 at the following venues:

- BGS JS Oval
- BGS Urwin Centre Tennis Courts
- BGS Mitchell Oval
- Cheltenham Park

The training areas at the school are circled in red below.



## Coaching Fees

There are two options this year for our BGS+ Skills Acquisition Program. There is the Full Time or the Part Time Option.

The Full Time Option costs \$1600 (U12s+ \$1700) and includes:

- 72 contacts (54 training sessions & 18 games)
- Equipment and maintenance fees
- Coaching costs
- BGS+ administration costs
- Uniforms
- FV Competition fees
- HEBSC administration fees

The Part Time Option costs \$1100 (U12s+ \$1200) and includes:

- 42 contacts (24 training sessions & 18 games)
- Equipment and maintenance fees
- Coaching costs
- BGS+ administration costs
- Uniforms
- FV competition fees
- HEBFC administration costs

To enrol, register your interest for the relevant age group for the 2024 season.

- U7s – 2018 born
- U8s – 2017 born
- U9s – 2016 born
- U10s – 2015 born
- U11s – 2014 born
- U12s – 2013 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:

- Playing 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 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

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