



Nippers

2026/27

HANDBOOK

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO TO JOIN THE FUN!

POOL Proficiency - Let's Get Water Ready!

Hey there, future surf legends! Before you can dive into all the amazing water activities with our Nippers crew, we need to make sure you're ready to make a splash safely! It's super easy - just:

1. Contact your local pool or qualified swim coach
2. Complete the Pool Proficiency form
3. Email it to us at nippers@kirraslsc.com or drop it by the Club Office

Super Important: Without your pool proficiency, you won't be able to join in the water fun - and trust us, you don't want to miss out on all the action!

Beach Evaluations - Time to Shine in the Surf!

Ready for the real deal? Our beach evaluations are where the magic happens! These special assessments help us see that you're confident and capable in our beautiful ocean environment. Beach evaluations are for our Under 8 to Under 14 champions only! Get ready for an exciting adventure that includes:

- RUN down the beach (feel that sand between your toes!)
- SWIM in the ocean for a distance perfect for your age group
- RUN back up the beach (you've got this!)

When Does It Happen? The best part? Your friendly age manager will guide you through this evaluation right during your regular Nippers session - no extra trips needed!

SPLASH INTO NIPPER SUNDAYS!

Get ready for the ultimate beach adventure! Nipper Sundays are where beach education meets epic fun and plenty of splashing around!

Jump into action at **8:45am** with our Morning Briefing, then ride the waves of excitement until **10:30am–11am** (because hey, Mother Nature and our awesome age groups set the pace!).

Under the expert eyes of our fantastic Age Managers, your little beach legends will dive into:

- **SLSQ Junior Development Awards** - Collecting skills like seashells!
- **Confidence-building Nipper events** - Watch them grow stronger with every wave
- **Team adventures & individual challenges** - Because variety is the spice of beach life!
- **Activity rotation stations** - Water thrills, beach skills, games galore, and brain-boosting education

Every Sunday brings new surprises because we roll with the waves and weather - keeping things fresh and exciting!

Parent Power Required! Calling all beach guardians! A parent or guardian needs to stay on the sand and be reachable during ALL the Nipper action - that's Sundays, training sessions, AND carnivals. Think of it as your VIP front-row seat to watch the magic happen!

No drop-and-dash allowed - you're part of the crew!

WHAT TO BRING TO NIPPERS : NO CAP NO RASHIE = NO NIPPERS!

Fabulous can-do attitude!

Swimwear Towel Green Fluoro or Club Nipper Cap (compulsory)

Water Bottle Sunscreen Pink High Vis Rashie (compulsory)

Splash into comfort! Nippers can rock any swimwear that feels great and moves with them. While Kirra gear looks awesome, it's totally optional – wear what makes you feel like a swimming superstar!

NIPPERS SIGN ON & OFF REQUIREMENTS - LET'S MAKE A SPLASH!

Ready, Set, Sign On! When your little water warrior arrives for their awesome Nippers adventure, the first stop is our buzzing sign-on desk! This is where the magic begins - we'll get them officially checked in for their morning of fun in the sun! **Next up:** grab those water bottles and goggles (essential beach gear!) and have your Nipper line up behind their age group bucket. Keep an eye out for the Age Managers - they'll be there with big smiles ready to gather their crew!

Time To Sign Off - Mission Complete! Just as important as the grand entrance is the fantastic finale! When all the beach fun winds down, make sure your champion heads back to the sign-on desk for their official sign-off. It's like getting their completion badge for another amazing Nippers session! **Remember:** Once they're officially signed off, those awesome Nipper caps can come off - they've earned their freedom!

Early Departure? No Worries! Sometimes life happens and your Nipper needs to dash off early for other adventures - we totally get it! Just give their Age Manager a quick heads up and pop by the sign-on desk to officially sign them out.

KIRRA CLUB UNIFORM STAND - YOUR ONE-STOP STYLE SHOP!

Come say Hi, browse our awesome range, and kit yourself out in true Kirra Club style!

Our fantastic uniform stand is your treasure trove of all things Kirra! You'll find us set up bright and early right next to the registration desk. We're open every Sunday morning from 8:30am - perfect timing to grab your gear before or after all the Nippers action!

KEEPING OUR NIPPERS HAPPY & HEALTHY!

If your water warrior has any **medical conditions** that might need a bit of extra TLC during their beach adventures, we're here to help! Just have a friendly chat with your child's **Age Manager** about any health considerations. They're absolute superstars who want to ensure your Nipper can dive into all the fun activities safely and confidently! If your little champion uses any **medication**, we'd love to know the details! This helps our fantastic **first aid team** be absolutely ready to provide the best care possible.

STAY CONNECTED WITH KIRRA NIPPERS!

Every Nippers session kicks off with our super fun Morning Brief at 8:45am sharp! Get ready to line up with energy and excitement - it's the best way to start your Nippers adventure!

This is where we:

- **Celebrate** our amazing achievements and champions
- **Share** the latest and greatest weekly updates
- **Give** you all the need-to-know info to make your day awesome!

We've got TWO fantastic ways to keep you in the loop:

Make sure we have your designated **email** address on file - this is your lifeline to all things Nippers!

Don't miss out on important updates throughout the season!

Join our exclusive **Kirra Nippers Facebook** community! Search for "Kirra Nippers" - Answer the fun questions - Request to join our awesome closed group. We're always posting exciting updates, photos, and insider info that you won't want to miss!

Weather Watch - We've Got You Covered! Mother Nature throwing a curveball? No worries!

If wild weather or gnarly surf conditions mean we need to cancel Nippers, we'll send you an SMS alert either: The night before (so you can sleep in!) or Early morning on Nippers day

Stay connected, stay informed, and let's make this the BEST Nippers season yet!

JOIN THE FAMILY - WHERE EVERY PARENT BECOMES A BEACH LEGEND!

It Takes a Village to Raise a Nipper! Kirra Nippers isn't just a club - we're a vibrant community of families who believe in working together to create magical beach experiences! Our volunteer-powered program means every family contributes to the fun, and trust us, you'll love being part of the action.

The Must-Knows (Don't Worry, We've Got Your Back!)

- **Beach Buddies:** You'll need to hang out at the beach during Sunday activities (best office view ever!). Your little nipper remains your responsibility - think medication, toilet trips, and general superhero parenting duties.
- **Tiny Tots Alert:** U6 & U7 parents, you're your nipper's shadow - they need you right there with them!
- **Join the Club:** At least one parent needs to become a Junior Activities Associate member (it's your ticket to the fun!).
- **Play Nice:** Follow our Member Code of Conduct - basically just be awesome to everyone!

Pick Your Adventure! Chat with your Age Manager at the next session to get started and find the perfect way for you to contribute to our amazing beach community!

- **Beach Pack-Up Heroes:** Be the legends who help pack up all the beach gear at the end of nipper days! Quick & Easy -Many hands make light work!

- **BBQ Masters:** Fire up the grill and serve up delicious treats! Help with cooking, serving or cleaning up the BBQ area. Warning: May cause serious popularity with hungry nippers!
- **Fruit Ninjas:** Slice and dice fresh, healthy snacks for our little beach warriors during their energy-refuelling breaks! Bonus: Become the parent every nipper high-fives!
- **Water Safety Legends:** The ultimate beach guardian! Monitor nippers in the water and help build ocean confidence. What You Need:
 - Swim 400m in 9 minutes (we believe in you!)
 - Blue Card (free for SLS volunteers!)
 - Complete our 4-5 week SRC/Bronze Medallion course in October
 Amazing Ratio: 1 Water Safety per 5 Nippers = More ocean fun for everyone!
 Why It's Awesome: You're already at the beach on Sunday mornings anyway, so why not level up your skills? The more Water Safety volunteers we have, the more one-on-one support we can give nippers who are still building their ocean confidence.
- **Age Manager Superstars:** Shape the next generation of lifesavers while having an absolute blast! Help develop surf skills, confidence, teamwork, and leadership. Getting Started:
 - Get your Blue Card
 - Complete a simple online course
 - Shadow an experienced legend for your first season (we've got your back!)
 The Magic Number: 1 Age Manager per 10 Nippers
 What Makes It Special: The more qualified Age Managers we have in each age group, the easier it is for our Senior Age Managers to focus on developing those crucial surf lifesaving skills and personal growth moments.
- **Carnival Champions:** Make carnival magic happen! Judge races, marshal competitors, present medals, record results, or start races. Your Path to Glory:
 - Complete the online Officials course
 - Jump into the practical component at carnivals
 The Buzz: Be part of the excitement and celebration that makes our carnivals unforgettable!

Ready To Dive In? Don't be shy - put your hand up and ask your Age Manager where you can help! Every contribution makes our beach family stronger and the nipper experience more amazing. Remember: Kirra Nippers is powered entirely by volunteers like you. When we all chip in, we create something truly special - a place where kids learn life skills, build confidence, and have the time of their lives on one of Australia's most beautiful beaches.

Your involvement isn't just helpful - it's what makes the magic happen!

YOUR KIRRA NIPPERS TEAM FOR 2026/2027

Position	Name	Email	
JAC	Bianca Sunday	jac@kirraslsc.com	
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Treasurer	Loretta Cassone	treasurer@kirraslsc.com	
Registrar	Luis Carvahlo		
Water Safety Officer	Raphaelle Batza		
Uniform Coordinator	Bianca Sunday		
Publicity Officer			
BBQ Coordinator	Peter Clarke		
Gear Stewart	Gavin Hall & Dave Sunday		
Age Managers			
U6 & U7	Bec Schatz	Ketynah Philip	Bella Fox
U8	Satino Patane		
U9	Perry Waara	Billie-jo Thompson	
U10	Greg Muranyi	Chris Eddebuttel	Amy Jobson
U11 & U12	Dave Sunday	Michael Brennan	
U13 & U14	Gavin Hall	Gervaise Starr	

CODE OF CONDUCTS, POLICY & OTHER IMPORTANT LINKS

· 2026/27 Pool Proficiency Evaluation Form

https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/files/ugd/ee50cf_08e613f381764215b549a594e3b2f42a.pdf

· Code of Conduct

https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/files/ugd/ee50cf_806b10ae31b845abba5f87580f5d9435.pdf

· Nippers Code of Conduct

<https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/code-of-conduct>

· Parents' Code of Conduct

https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/files/ugd/ee50cf_c8e27d031f9f4c04af99ac99a2d2b7e5.pdf

· Good Member Policy

https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/files/ugd/ee50cf_67cdf3c2e4d849968554e79b7710707b.pdf

· Nippers Events, Disciplines & Carnival Information

<https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/carnivals>

· Club Champs

<https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/awards>

· Nippers Surf Education Awards

<https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/awards>

· Life After Nippers

<https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/lifeafternippers>

· Care of Boards

<https://www.kirrasurflifesavingclub.com.au/documents>



KIRRA NIPPERS 2026/2027



SEPTEMBER	OCTOBER	NOVEMBER	DECEMBER	JANUARY	FEBRUARY	MARCH
SUNDAY 6TH	SUNDAY 4TH	SUNDAY 1ST	SUNDAY 6TH	SUNDAY 3RD	SUNDAY 7TH	SUNDAY 7TH
		NIPPERS WEEK 4	NIPPERS WEEK 8 CLUB CHAMPS RD 2	NO NIPPERS	NIPPERS WEEK 11	NIPPERS WEEK 15
SKILLS MAINTENANCE 8AM						
SUNDAY 13TH	SUNDAY 11TH	SUNDAY 8TH	SUNDAY 13TH	SUNDAY 10TH	SUNDAY 14TH	SUNDAY 14TH
FAMILY FUN DAY MEMBERSHIP SIGN ON	WELCOME NIPPERS! 1ST DAY OF THE 26/27 SEASON	NIPPERS WEEK 4 CLUB CHAMPS RD 1	XMAS BREAKUP PARTY	NO NIPPERS	NIPPERS WEEK 12 CLUB CHAMPS RD 3	NIPPERS PRESENTATION & SEASON WRAP
SUNDAY 20TH	SUNDAY 18TH	SUNDAY 15TH	SUNDAY 20TH	SUNDAY 17TH	SUNDAY 21ST	SUNDAY 21ST
	NIPPERS WEEK 2	NIPPERS WEEK 5	NO NIPPERS	NO NIPPERS	NIPPERS WEEK 13	
	POOL EVALUATION @ PALM BEACH AQUATIC CTR					
SUNDAY 27TH	SUNDAY 25TH	SUNDAY 22ND	SUNDAY 27TH	SUNDAY 24TH	SUNDAY 28TH	SUNDAY 28TH
	NIPPERS WEEK 3	NIPPERS WEEK 6	NO NIPPERS	WELCOME BACK NIPPERS	NIPPERS WEEK 14	
		SUNDAY 29TH		SUNDAY 31ST		
		NIPPERS WEEK 7		NIPPERS WEEK 10		



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