

SurfGroms for Schools

- SurfGroms is a great program to teach primary school aged kids valuable ocean safety awareness, whilst having heaps of fun.
- SurfGroms consists of a series of surf lessons, encompassing 4-6 hours of coaching.
- SurfGroms is a world-first, cutting-edge, national junior sporting program.
- SurfGroms is run by qualified surf instructors with a safe maximum instructor/student ratio of 1:8.

The SurfGroms Approach

SurfGroms adopts an approach to learning that uses group-based games to not only equip kids with the skills they need to surf, but also encourages their participation by having fun. Every SurfGroms lesson is designed purposefully to create a positive and supportive learning environment so that every participant can experience the confidence and freedom of surfing for a lifetime.

The SurfGroms approach is characterised by five key concepts:

FUNN – every lesson is designed to be FUNN, where Functional Understanding is Not Necessary. Kids learn more powerfully, and participate more fully, when their learning is disguised through fun. A FUNN approach reflects a good sense of humour and spontaneity, where kids are allowed and indeed, encouraged to laugh with (as opposed to 'laugh at') one another. Obvious fun is contagious and it's also hard to stand away from. Or, in other words, if it looks fun, kids will want to be a part of it.

Challenge by Choice – each lesson is designed to give every SurfGrom the freedom to choose and determine their own level of participation. This approach is one of the most powerful educational philosophies on the planet, because when kids are comfortable and feel supported in their efforts, they are more likely to push (or challenge) themselves beyond their self-perceived boundaries. This approach is more than just giving kids lots of choices; it's about creating a supportive learning environment in which kids feel encouraged to 'give it a go.'

Progressively Sequenced – every SurfGroms lesson is designed to be wholly flexible so that you can use the right activity at the right time, to gradually prepare your

group for success at every level of the program. This approach allows you to focus on the needs of your particular group of SurfGroms, not an agenda, and will help you achieve your key program objectives.

Valued Participation – the design and conduct of every activity aims to invite and involve the participation of every SurfGrom participant. Every kid is valued, regardless of their skills and abilities, where the focus is on participation rather than winning or losing. This approach also provides opportunities for kids to develop vital interpersonal skills such as confidence, self-expression, supporting and valuing others.

Experiential Learning – a 'learning by doing' approach provides a valuable opportunity for kids to draw more from their experience than just having fun. Although practical in nature, learning doesn't always occur just because the lessons involve lots of 'doing.' The SurfGroms approach invites you to conduct regular debriefs (or reviews) to help kids discover what they can learn from their experience, from simple group games to technical surfing instruction. When you adopt this approach, you are well on the way to successfully engaging the participation of every kid in your group.

Ocean Safety

The key objective of the SurfGroms program is to increase participation in surfing at a grass roots level and educate young surfers about all aspects of our ocean environment. By encouraging our younger generations at an early age to participate in a sport such as ours, they will quickly begin to understand and share in a really important part of our Australian culture.

Furthermore, by incorporating vital water awareness and beach safety advice into practical surfing tuition, students realise for themselves just how important water safety is. With the challenge of learning a new sport in a natural environment and gaining a real understanding of the ocean environment, students begin participating in a healthy lifestyle, whilst also having fun and learning how to save lives.

Throughout the program there is a significant focus on Ocean Awareness and Beach Safety and kids must successfully demonstrate all of the relevant ocean awareness and beach safety skills for each level.

Cost

The cost for schools charged by Go Surf is \$30 per contact lesson. A minimum of 2 lessons is required. 2 x 2hr contact surf lessons is \$60pp, 3 x 2hr contact surf lessons is \$90pp. Each additional 2hr lesson, if required, is charged at \$30 per lesson per student.

There is an additional small cost charged by Surfing Australia. Please contact us to get the latest costing on this as it can vary.

Sporting Schools Funding

Surfgroms is a registered program with Sporting Schools and Go Surf School is your registered local provider. Your school can use Sporting School funding to pay for your SurfGrom programs. Please register your school for Sporting Schools through the Sporting Schools website. <https://www.sportingschools.gov.au>

Please book your Surfgrom program directly with Go Surf School and let us know if you intend on using Sporting Schools funding.

We are always happy to come and discuss the program in person, in more detail with you. info@gosurf.com.au