

ATTENTION SCHOOL SPORTS ORGANISERS 2026 SCHOOL SURFING SUPERVISOR AWARD INSERVICE DATES

The Annual **School Surfing Supervisor Award (SSSA)** in-service program for teachers involved with school surfing is to be held on the following dates during 2026. **Only one in-service is required each year.** Participating teachers need to bring their own personal surfcraft (surfboard or bodyboard or SUP) and rashvest and/or wetsuit and **have completed the Registration and RPL form** that confirms attainment of a 400m pool swim in 9 minutes or less, currency in Provide CPR or higher level award, confidence in surf craft paddling, wave riding, completion of a surf mission and using a personal surf craft for in-water rescue.

The format for each 60-80 minutes in-service session shall be: completing a sign-on sheet: hand-up of Registration and RPL forms; discussion covering knowledge, skills, understandings and requirements for school surfing activity; completion of a theory paper; and the practical including a **surf mission** (200m swim, 200m run, 200m paddle, 200m run) and demonstration of **in-water rescue techniques** like those found on a **You Tube link: APOLA Surfboard Rescue –<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPxwjorGmHs>**

The cost is \$55 per teacher and a tax invoice for each school will be created after each in-service. Teachers completing the annual SSSA Inservice course will receive a **SSSA Annual Proficiency Certificate**. If you have a scheduled SSSA session, please see attached a **SSSA Registration and RPL form** for copy and pre-inservice use, as well as other information including a copy of the current **School Surfing Guidelines**.

Booking

Please book with the APOLA Office by email info@apola.com.au or phone/text on **0408 855 267** no later than 48 hours prior to the preferred inservice day. Additional sessions (minimum of 8) can be scheduled.

Teacher SSSA Term 1 2026

Yamba Main Beach (North Coast)	1pm Monday	2 February 2026
Toowoon Bay (Central Coast)	3pm Tuesday	3 February 2026
Toowoon Bay (Central Coast)	4pm Tuesday	3 February 2026
Dixon Park (Newcastle)	2pm Wednesday	4 February 2026
Collaroy Beach (Northern Sydney)	3pm Thursday	5 February 2026
Collaroy Beach (Northern Sydney)	4pm Thursday	5 February 2026
Gerroa Beach (South Coast)	3pm Monday	9 February 2026
Park Beach (Coffs Coast)	4pm Tuesday	10 February 2026
North Broulee (South Coast)	10am Wednesday	11 February 2026
Sandon Point (Illawarra)	3pm Thursday	12 February 2026
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Lennox Head (North Coast)	4pm Monday	16 February 2026
Byron Bay (Far Nth Coast)	3pm Tuesday	17 February 2026
Flynns Beach (Port Macquarie)	3pm Thursday	19 February 2026
Forster (Mid North Coast)	3.30pm Tuesday	24 February 2026
Kingscliff Beach (Far Nth Coast)	2pm Monday	2 March 2026

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Flynns Beach (Port Macquarie)	3pm Tuesday	27 October 2026
Shellharbour North Beach (Illawarra)	2pm Tuesday	3 November 2026
North Cronulla (Southern Sydney)	1pm Thursday	5 November 2026
North Cronulla (Southern Sydney)	1pm Tuesday	10 November 2026
Sandon Point Beach (Illawarra)	1pm Monday	16 November 2026
Mollymook Beach (South Coast)	4pm Tuesday	17 November 2026
North Broulee (South Coast)	10am Wednesday	18 November 2026
Tathra (Far South Coast)	2pm Thursday	19 November 2026
Umina (Central Coast)	4pm Monday	23 November 2026
Toowoon Bay (Central Coast)	2pm Tuesday	24 November 2026
Toowoon Bay (Central Coast)	3pm Tuesday	24 November 2026
Toowoon Bay (Central Coast)	4pm Tuesday	24 November 2026
Byron Main Beach (Far Nth Coast)	10am Friday	27 November 2026
Byron Main Beach (Far Nth Coast)	3pm Friday	27 November 2026
Kingscliff Beach (Far Nth Coast)	2pm Monday	30 November 2026
Catherine Hill Bay (Lake Macquarie)	2pm Tuesday	1 December 2026
Park Beach (Coffs Coast)	8am Thursday	3 December 2026
Park Beach (Coffs Coast)	10am Thursday	3 December 2026
Woolgoolga (Coffs Coast)	8am Friday	4 December 2026
Mollymook Beach (South Coast)	2pm Wednesday	9 December 2026
Scotts Head (Mid North Coast)	10am Monday	14 December 2026

School Surfing Supervisor Award (SSSA) Information

Introduction

The SSSA was developed in consultation with the School Surfing Association to provide teachers with supervision competencies required for supervising students engaged in school surfing activity.

Teachers successfully completing annual SSSA In-service courses will be awarded a SSSA certificate that is recognized by school systems as providing teachers with that necessary to supervise students participating in school surfing activity. Teachers with a current SSSA are also qualified to deliver APOLA Community Awards for students including the **Ocean Safety Surfer Award (OSSA)**. Student OSSA programs can be delivered by teachers independently or in concert with approved accredited surf coaches or approved Professional Ocean Lifeguards.

Teachers successfully completing a scheduled annual SSSA Inservice course will receive a SSSA certificate that has a currency period of 12 months will be charged at a rate of **\$55** per teacher.

SSSA Requirements

- Teaching qualifications and current approval to teach in schools or other vocational and/or tertiary educational centres including Registered Training Organisations, TAFE colleges and Universities, or teacher/education assistants supporting outdoor school sport programs
- Current qualifications in emergency care and cardio-pulmonary resuscitation such as Provide CPR or higher levels such as a Provide First Aid
- Competency in swimming (400m pool swim in less than 9 minutes) and capable in surfcraft paddling and wave riding (with a surfboard or bodyboard or wave ski or stand-up paddle board)
- Successful completion of an APOLA SSSA In-service session that includes demonstration of fitness (surf mission) surf rescue skills (simulated surf rescues) and a written theory paper.

SSSA Competencies Assessment

- APOLA Assessor and Workplace Trainers deliver the SSSA to teachers and reserve the right to prevent prospective candidates commencing the practical components whenever prospective candidates present themselves as incapable of meeting the fitness and/or surf and rescue skill demands required of the in-service
- As a **pre-requisite** participating teachers must provide a completed **Registration and RPL form** prior to the commencement of an APOLA SSSA In-service session. The completed Registration and RPL form provides a statement of recent completion of a 400m pool swim in a time less than 9 minutes and **currency** in cardio-pulmonary resuscitation such as Provide CPR or higher levels such as a Provide First Aid. The **Registration and RPL form** is provided when booking a scheduled SSSA Inservice session and must also be signed by a School Principal/Deputy Principal/Sports Organiser/Faculty Head/School Surfing Co-ordinator/Lifeguard/Swim Coach or an APOLA Assessor and Workplace Trainer. These completed hardcopy forms must be handed to the Assessor and Workplace Trainer at the commencement of the SSSA Inservice session.

At the in-service teachers will need to:

- Hand the completed **Registration and RPL form** to the Assessor and Workplace Trainer
- Complete the sign-on attendance sheet and declare any personal health issues
- Participate in a **discussion** covering knowledge, skills and understandings of effective supervision of students engaged in school surfing activity and complete a **theory paper** provided by the Assessor and Workplace Trainer that covers aspects of school surfing including location safety check, emergency procedures and student requirements
- Complete a **Surf Mission** course commencing with 200m swim, followed by 200m beach run, a 200m surfcraft paddle and concluding with a 200m beach run demonstrating sound physical fitness, competence in negotiating the surf and skill in the use of personal surfcraft
- Demonstrate **surfcraft rescues** using personal surfcraft such as paddling to rescue someone demonstrating **patient approach** and **patient pick-up techniques** including **side-by-side**, **rollover**, **duck-dive** and **leg-hook**, and **patient return** to shore demonstrating DRSABCD. The **board rescue techniques** can be viewed at the **APOLA website** or on **YouTube - APOLA Surfboard Rescue** (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SPxwJORGMHs>).

