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Title:	2027 Surf Life Saving Sunshine Coast Youth Development Program – Camp Commando
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Date:	7 th October 2026

Applications are now open for Participants, Leaders and Mentors for the 2027 Surf Life Saving Sunshine Coast Youth Development Program – Camp Commando. The program will be held **Monday 11th – Wednesday 13th January 2027** at **QCCC Mapleton, 70 Obi Obi Rd, Mapleton QLD 4560**.

Please note that **Leaders and Mentors** will be required onsite an additional half day and night (11:00am start) for the program briefing **Sunday, 10th January**. All meals and accommodation are provided. There is also a pre-program leaders day on **Saturday the 19th of December** that is mandatory (pending exception).

PROGRAM OBJECTIVES

The program concentrates on developing team-building skills, lifesaving knowledge, providing information on opportunities and pathways both within and outside of lifesaving, and networking with members from other clubs. Ideally, we encourage all clubs to identify and nominate at least 5-10 Participants and 1-2 Leaders or Mentors to the program. Clubs are certainly encouraged to nominate more Participants.

Please note: there are only 120 spots for participants on camp and preference will be given to members who have not attended Camp Commando previously. We encourage all members to apply as a waitlist will be created and spots are always offered post the program closing due to members becoming unavailable.

KEY DATES

Date	Action
12pm Wednesday 7th Oct 2026	Applications OPEN
12PM WED, 11TH NOVEMBER	APPLICATIONS CLOSE
COB Wed, 11th November	Ranking and endorsement forms to be sent to clubs
12pm Friday, 13th November	Club endorsements to be returned to the Sunshine Coast Branch
5pm Friday, 13 Nov	Participants, Leaders & Mentors <u>notified of the outcome of applications and sent position confirmations</u>
Monday, 16th November	Participants, Leaders & Mentors position confirmations due

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WHO CAN ATTEND?

- Participants

Members who are in the **Under 14 and Under 15** age groups who are registered financial members of a Sunshine Coast Surf Life Saving Club are invited to apply. It is desirable that participants have completed their Surf Rescue Certificate, however this is not mandatory.

- Leaders

Program Leaders will be appointed to facilitate activities, encourage participation and foster the personal development of the participants. The Leader positions are open to members that are 17 years and over, who are registered financial members of a Sunshine Coast Surf Life Saving Club. Leaders **must** hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion and a current Working with Children Blue Card (for those over 18). Leaders would have preferably participated in a previous Branch or State Leadership Camp (desirable not mandatory). The Branch is open to taking members as leaders aged 16 as “rookie leaders” ONLY if they have completed the SLSQ Youth Excellence program, to further develop their leadership skills.

- Mentors

Program Mentors will be appointed to mentor and foster the personal development of the Leaders as well as contribute to the supervision of participants. The Mentor positions are open to members that are 18 years and over, who are registered financial members of a Sunshine Coast Surf Life Saving Club. Mentors must hold a proficient SLSA Bronze Medallion and a current Working with Children Blue Card. Mentors would have preferably participated in a previous Branch or State Leadership Camp in a leadership role (desirable but not mandatory).

APPLY HERE: [CAMP COMMANDO 2027](#)

Applications for all Participants, Leaders and Mentors close **Wednesday 11th November 2026**.

FEES

- Participants - \$270.00 + GST
- Leaders and Mentors - \$190.00 + GST

This registration fee includes all meals, accommodation, program activities, program resources and Camp Commando memorabilia. The Sunshine Coast Branch will invoice Clubs for the total cost of all Participants, Leaders and Mentors from that club, who are accepted to attend.

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PLEASE NOTE:

- *Completing the application does not confirm acceptance to the development program. Members are encouraged to discuss attendance at the program with your club's Youth Development Officer as all Participant, Leader and Mentor nominations will be sent to clubs for endorsement.*
- *Payment for attendance will be the responsibility of the Participant, Leader or Mentor via the club unless other arrangements are in place within your club to fund member attendance.*
- *Any applicant that withdraws from the camp after being selected will not receive a refund; however, the Club may be able to nominate an alternative participant.*

TRANSPORT

All Participants, Leaders, Mentors and Coordinators are responsible for their own transport to and from Camp Commando. Clubs are encouraged to organised group transport (i.e club bus or car pool) to ease the arrival and departure process.

If you have any queries about the program, please do not hesitate to contact the Jess at the Sunshine Coast Regional office at or jroberts@lifesaving.com.au or Charli at youth@slsqsunshinecoast.com.au .

Thank you for your support in promoting this program and we look forward to seeing your members on camp!

Yours in Member Development,

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