



Team NAB AFL Auskick's latest recruit, Austin Nicolosi, after his interview with Joel Selwood on Friday night during the Collingwood v Essendon game. Photo: Michael Willson/AFL Photos

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Aspiring young footballer Austin Nicolosi joins Team NAB AFL Auskick

Team NAB AFL Auskick has welcomed its seventh recruit of the year, with six-year-old Collingwood supporter and aspiring footballer, Austin Nicolosi, from Melton Auskick Centre in Victoria joining the team.

The 2024 Team NAB AFL Auskick coaches Nick Daicos and Katie Brennan encourage all registered Auskickers to enter via submitting a video online for a chance to join the team. They are on the lookout for NAB Auskickers who show teamwork, dedication, and passion!

Selected Auskickers will have the opportunity to invite an Auskick teammate of their choice to join them for a remarkable experience, attending an AFL Grand Final.

Eleven lucky winners will be announced during the Seven Network's AFL match broadcast, with Austin being the seventh lucky Auskicker to join the team accompanied by his chosen nominee – friend, Caleb Zerafa.

Austin and Caleb will join their fellow Team NAB AFL Auskick recruits at the MCG in Melbourne for a once-in-a-lifetime Grand Final experience, where they take centre stage and present the winning grand final team with their premiership medallions.

A one-eyed Collingwood fan who simply loves footy, Austin had no choice when it came to choosing his team, having grown up in a family of Magpies. The St Anthony's Primary School student dreams of playing for the black and white when he grows up, kicking goals and taking marks like Jamie Elliott in the forward line.

Austin loves collecting footy cards and mini figurines and can always be heard and seen kicking the footy around the house – even though it makes his mum very nervous! Constantly playing football with his friends at school too, Austin is known to come home with many grass stains on his pants and mud on his shoes and hands.

Austin and Caleb bonded over their love of football and quickly became good friends at school. Caleb looks up to his dad and older brother and is always happy to teach others how to kick a footy. He is a team player who high-fives his teammates and cheers on his fellow NAB AFL Auskickers.

As part of being selected as a Team NAB AFL Auskick recruit, Austin has the chance to be crowned the 2024 NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year which will be announced during Toyota AFL Grand Final Week.

The lucky NAB AFL Auskicker of the Year will receive a remarkable \$5,000 prize thanks to NAB and have the privilege of being mentored by an AFL and AFLW player throughout 2025.

If your Auskicker would like a chance to join Team NAB AFL Auskick and have a Grand Final experience of a lifetime, visit <http://www.afl.com.au/nab-team>

About NAB AFL Auskick

- NAB AFL Auskick is an introductory program for kids to connect with Australian rules football while having lots of fun and being active – it's time to 'Find Your Awesome!'
- In weekly sessions, kids will focus on building football skills and playing in a safe and super fun setting. Expect small groups, heaps of games and parent/guardian involvement.
- NAB AFL Auskick invites all children aged 5-12 no matter their knowledge, skill or ability, to participate in the non-contact program.
- NAB AFL Auskick offers an inclusive environment for everyone to get involved, with optional 'All Girls' Auskick programs and All-Abilities Auskick centres available.
- More than 126,000 boys and girls participated in NAB AFL Auskick programs at more than 4,000 centres across the country in 2023 – setting a new record!
- Auskick participants have the chance to feature in mini games during halftime at elite AFL and AFLW matches throughout the season. A once-in-a-lifetime experience for many kids!

- Upon signing up, all Auskickers get an awesome pack filled with cool footy goodies not available anywhere else.
- Visit play.afl/Auskick for more details.



Austin gives his teammate a high five during his half-time NAB AFL Auskick match at the MCG on Friday. Photo: Michael Willson/AFL Photos