



Head Coach Profile: Manny Koutroulis

Manny Koutroulis has been involved with Boroondara Eagles Football Club for the past 9 years. He is delighted to be re-appointed Head Coach of our club in 2020:

'I have chosen to work at Boroondara and Boroondara Carey Eagles because I appreciate the good community feel that exists at the club... the committee that shared my vision previously and going forward, and have supported the concept of bringing in capable players -coaches that can help raise the skill level of all junior players'.

Manny has been the Head of Soccer at Carey Grammar over two decades. In that time, he introduced the Girls Firsts Soccer program to the school and since then the school has won 9 premierships in total. He also coaches the Boys Firsts at Carey having won 4 Associated Public Schools Premierships.

Throughout that time Manny has mentored many players who have gone on and played at higher levels in the W League, A League, abroad and in State programs.

Manny has also led 4 tours abroad in Spain and United Kingdom and in that time has accessed many club academies in the EPL and La Liga.

Furthermore, Manny has sought and gained many professional development opportunities by extensively observing programs in Holland, England, Japan, The Australian Institute of Sport in Canberra and domestic A League clubs.

Manny has been at the helm at Boroondara Eagles FC over a 9-year period.

He oversaw the introduction of Women's Football at BEFC and within 5 years oversaw the rise from State 3 to a Premier League Grand Final. Recently he has also overseen the Men's team rise from State 4 to State 1 as senior coach with three successive promotions.

Manny manages the coaching program and appoints over 50 coaches. He is very passionate about community football and loves that BEFC all levels are very well catered for. He believes in that the senior teams need to be role models and mentors to the younger kids and employs many leading senior players in these roles achieving the goal as Manny puts it to be one strong community club where the juniors are linked to the seniors.

Manny's personal soccer career started at Northcote City Juniors, before winning a Bobby Charlton Skills competition in 1990 in Australia had Manny experience Football in the United Kingdom over a 12-month period. He returned to Australia to play in the State Leagues for Fitzroy City and Diamond Valley, before retiring at 26 to concentrate on his other soccer passion: coaching!

What is your favourite Soccer team?

Panathinaikos in Greece. (I had no choice!) and Manchester United in England (since the days when they were stuck on 7 titles, only accessible on radio live and on TV after 11pm on replays).

Who is your favourite soccer player and why?

I can't split Cristiano Ronaldo and Lionel Messi - highly skilful players that can beat any opponents.

Do you support Victory, Melbourne City and Western United?

Victory mostly but also supportive of other two...we need all three to go well to support the growth of the game