If you're looking to set up a new lunchtime or afterschool sports club in 2016, the latest annual survey into the sporting habits of Australian six- to 13-year-olds offers some inspiration. For the first time, soccer has overtaken swimming as the most popular sporting activity. Here are the three most popular sports, by participation rate.

**Most popular sporting activities among children**

**SOCCER:** 50 per cent of children surveyed reported playing soccer
- 61 per cent of boys
- 39 per cent of girls

**SWIMMING:** 48 per cent of children surveyed reported going swimming
- 52 per cent of girls
- 44 per cent of boys

**CYCLING:** 37 per cent of children surveyed reported going cycling
- 40 per cent of boys
- 34 per cent of girls