

## A.B. Paterson College Junior School Chess Club

## **Information Handout**

Dear Parents/Guardians,

Welcome to the A.B. Paterson College Junior School Chess Club. This is a courtesy handout to keep you informed of Junior Chess Club processes and events.

Subject	Details
Junior School Chess Club	Junior School Chess Club is a co-curricular activity offered to students from Year 1 to Year 6 to play chess on a social level. Fully trained chess coaches are provided through Gardiner Chess.
	The primary goal of Chess Club is for registered chess players to have fun and pursue an activity in which students have a particular interest and/or strength. The playing of chess is purported to provide exercise for the brain, increase creativity, improve memory and concentration, and improve problem solving, reading and social skills.
Staff	Susanne Ginnane (management and student supervision). Julie Hall and Lena White (student supervision). Contact Details: <a href="mailto:sginnane@abpat.qld.edu.au">sginnane@abpat.qld.edu.au</a> and <a href="mailto:jhall@abpat.qld.edu.au">jhall@abpat.qld.edu.au</a>
Junior Chess Club Enrolment Cost	Enrolment into the Junior Chess Club is managed by contacting Gardiner Chess and registering your child at the commencement of the year. Parents are able to enrol per term, or for the year.
	Please check each term's Junior Chess Club registration flyer or contact Gardiner Chess.  Registration / enrolment is managed by contacting Gardiner Chess.
Gardiner Chess Contact Details and Registration	Phone: 07 5522 7221 Fax: 07 5522 7760 Email: info@gardinerchess.com.au Web: www.gardinerchess.com.au
	To register and pay for your child/children, please go to the Gardiner Chess secure website <a href="https://www.gardinerchess.com.au">www.gardinerchess.com.au</a> and click on the 'parents' icon.
	For families with three or more children attending and those starting part way through the term, please contact the Gardiner Chess office directly to enrol on 07 5522 7221. This also applies to families who are unable to enrol via the Gardiner Chess website.
Day and time	Mondays 3.30pm — 4.30pm.
Y1 & Y2 Chess Student Escort	After the end of school bell, Y1 and Y2 Junior Chess Club students are invited to gather under the May Gibbs Courtyard, with Mrs Ginnane. We will utilise the lower area (below the 1G classroom and opposite the Prep) being mindful to keep the prep departure area uncongested. Chess students are encouraged to take a prompt bathroom break, a drink and a small snack as we wait. Mrs Ginnane will escort this group to chess around 3:22pm.
Venue	Lower Maths Building. Y3 to Y6 students move independently to the centre courtyard.
Sessions	First session commences Week 3 in Term 1, followed by the first Monday school day of Term 2, 3 and 4. Final sessions are the last Monday school day of each term.
Student Non- Attendance	Our after school chess activity is managed by a roll call checking process. Please advise chess staff or Student Services if your child/children will not be attending their regular Monday chess class.
Email / signed note for collection variance	Parents register their child at After School Care when unable to collect at finishing time.  Students who are being collected later than 4:30pm, or whose parents are delayed beyond pick up time, will be escorted to After Hours School Care (AHSC).
	If you arrange for your child to be picked up by another adult at any time, please provide a signed note or email to Susanne Ginnane and Julie Hall (see contact details above), as well as an email to Student Services.

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Chess Player Procedures	<ul> <li>Y3 to Y6 Junior Chess Club students gather outside the Lower Maths Building following dismissal from their classrooms. Supervision is provided by Junior Chess Club staff members as the secondary students remain in their classes to 3:20pm</li> <li>Y3 to Y6 Students place their bags outside their specific chess rooms, and then move to the tables and seats in the centre courtyard for a quiet afternoon snack and bathroom break. Noise and movement is expected to be at a respectful level, as the secondary students nearby remain engaged in learning tasks until 3:20pm.</li> <li>At the 3:30 pm chess supervisor whistle, all chess students line up and enter their chess rooms under the direction of their coach.</li> <li>Lena White, Susanne Ginnane and Julie Hall supervise our chess players across the three classrooms / four groups.</li> <li>Coaches dismiss students from their doorway.</li> <li>Parents (or older primary and secondary siblings) are to be physically present to collect chess students.</li> <li>Students to remain in their chess room until collection.</li> <li>After pack up, remaining students are escorted to After Hours School Care.</li> </ul>
Coaching Groups	<ul> <li>Currently we run two beginner groups (in Room M1), one intermediate group (in Room M2) and one advanced group (in Room M4).</li> <li>Sessions consist of:         <ul> <li>a warm up game with a chosen friend;</li> <li>a strategy coaching session; and</li> <li>a concluding tournament game.</li> </ul> </li> <li>Tournament games are randomly computer selected with students scoring two points for a win and one for a tie. At the conclusion of every term, the top five place getters within each level receive certificates and 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup> and 3rd place getters receive a medallion. Coaches may also award end of term Recognition Certificates.</li> </ul>
Interschool Competitions	Junior School Chess Club students are also invited to attend a full day of district Interschool Competitions – roughly one per term – so that they can experience chess playing at a more robust individual and team level (groups of four). It is also an opportunity for students to receive a state ranking, which is their own individual recognition and a method of setting their own chess goals.  See the Gardiner Chess website <a href="http://gardinerchess.com.au">http://gardinerchess.com.au</a> to view whether your child has achieved a rating.
Interschool Competition Dates for 2018	These competitions are non-compulsory, and aim to challenge and invigorate younger, school age chess players across a wide range of schools. Dates include:  • Tuesday 13 March at St. Stephen's College (To Be Confirmed)  • Tuesday 5 June at Pacific Pines State School  • Wednesday 5 September at Carrara Stadium  There is an entry cost of ~\$19 per player per competition. Students are provided with an invitation to attend letter and permission note, which will provide details of each event and payment procedures.
ChessKid.com Access	All enrolments through Gardiner Chess include Gold Membership to ChessKid.com!  This membership allows students to continue their chess learning at home with online lessons, videos, puzzles, training, tournaments, stats, chess clubs and game archives.