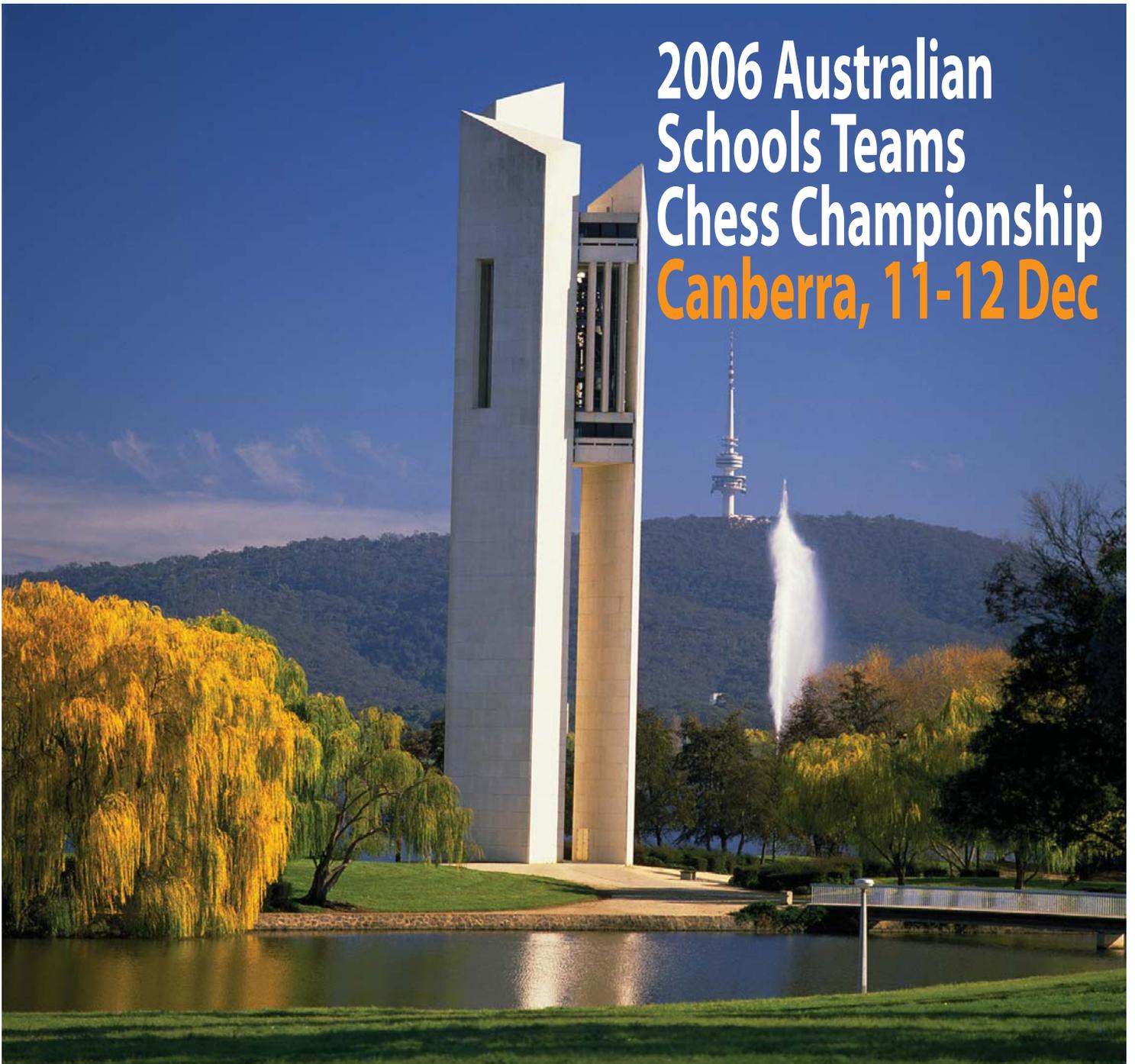


2006 Australian Schools Teams Chess Championship Canberra, 11-12 Dec



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Welcome to the 2006 ASTC

Dear players, parents, teachers, coaches and visitors,

On behalf of the ACT Junior Chess League (ACTJCL) I welcome you to Canberra and to the 2006 Australian Schools Teams Chess Championship, and congratulate you on your achievement in just qualifying for this event. We wish you every success over the two days of competition!

The ASTC is the first event of the OZC Australian Festival of Junior Chess - we hope to see many of you return in January for the 2007 Australian Junior Championship where you will have another opportunity for some great chess as well as enjoy a little of what your national capital has to offer.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank our sponsors across the whole of the Festival as well as those who have specifically come on board to support the ASTC. We have been fortunate to enjoy generous support from our community and every sponsorship, every donation, large or small, is contributing to a really fantastic experience for our participants - THANK YOU!

I also want to acknowledge the outstanding group of volunteers we have in the ACT & Australian chess community who have made this all happen. We have too many to name them all (and I thank, in anticipation, everyone helping over the course of the next two days) but special thanks go to -

Shaun Press & Charles Zworestine - our arbiters
Tor Lattimore - for his work on the website
Jenny Wilkinson - for all manner of things but mostly for insisting I delegate!
Rebekah Gupte - for taking on so many roles with ACTJCL this year
Jenni Oliver - for her advice & support
Roseanna Rayns - for taking on many less desirable tasks

and my husband Michael Smith who made sure that ideas actually turned into something!

Time for me to stop talking and the games to begin.

Good luck, play great chess and have lots of FUN!

Libby Smith
Tournament Director
11 December 2006



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My event ASTC 2006

Time Controls

Primary Events

All moves in 40 minutes plus 10 seconds increment per move from move 1.

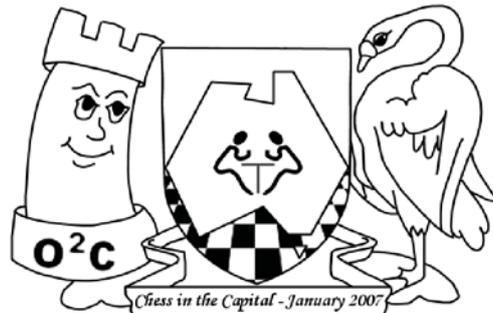
Secondary Events

All moves in 60 minutes plus 10 seconds increment per move from move 1.

Arbiters

Shaun Press

Charles Zworestine



Schedule of Play

11 December

9:30am
Opening Ceremony

10am Round 1

1pm Round 2

4pm Round 3

6:30pm Dinner

7pm Round 6

(Secondary Girls only)

12 December

9am Round 4

12 noon Round 5

Presentation expected to commence by 3pm

Final Standings

Primary/Secondary

Open/Girls

1st _____

2nd _____

3rd _____

4th _____

5th _____

6th _____

My Results

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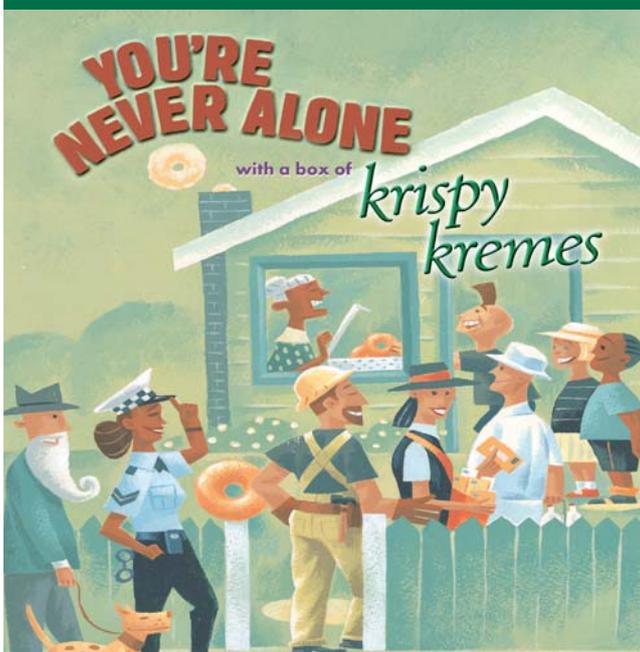
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Historic Results ASTC

History of the Australian Schools Team Championships (ASTC)

Previous winners of the Australian Schools Team Championships are :

Year	Location	Division	School	State
2005	Sydney	Open Secondary	St. Peter's College	SA
		Open Primary	Somerset College	QLD
		Girls Secondary	North Sydney Girls High School	NSW
		Girls Primary	Curtin Primary	ACT
2004	Mt Buller	Open Secondary	Sydney Boys High School	NSW
		Open Primary	Worongary State School	QLD
		Girls Secondary	Abbotsleigh	NSW
		Girls Primary	Curtin Primary	ACT
2003	Perth	Open Secondary	Sydney Grammar School	NSW
		Open Primary	Chatswood Public School	NSW
		Girls Secondary	Saint Stephen's College	QLD
		Girls Primary	St Monica's Primary School	ACT
2002	Melbourne	Open Secondary	Anglican Church Grammar School	QLD
		Open Primary	Chatswood Public School	NSW
		Girls Secondary	Abbotsleigh	QLD
		Girls Primary	Essex Heights Primary School	VIC
2001	Brisbane	Open Secondary	Anglican Church Grammar School	QLD
		Open Primary	Essex Heights Primary School	VIC
		Girls Secondary	Presbyterian Ladies' College	VIC
		Girls Primary	Worongary State School	QLD
2000	Adelaide	Open Secondary	Anglican Church Grammar School	QLD
		Open Primary	Essex Heights Primary School	VIC
		Girls Secondary	Saint Stephen's College	QLD
		Girls Primary	Worongary State School	QLD
1999	Canberra	Open Secondary	Sydney Grammar School	NSW
		Open Primary	Somerset College and Essex Heights Primary School	QLD VIC
		Girls Secondary	Saint Stephen's College	QLD
		Girls Primary	Worongary State School	QLD
1998	Sydney	Open Secondary	Sydney Grammar School	NSW
		Open Primary	Essex Heights Primary School	VIC



ACF ByLaws ASTC

Australian Schools Team Championships (ASTC) Bylaws

BY-LAW NO. 4 AUSTRALIAN SCHOOLS TEAMS CHAMPIONSHIPS

[as amended 6 January 2005]

1. The Australian Schools Teams Championships comprise:
 - a. The Australian Secondary Schools Open Teams Championship;
 - b. The Australian Secondary Schools Girls Teams Championship;
 - c. The Australian Primary Schools Open Teams Championship; and
 - d. The Australian Primary Schools Girls Team Championships.
2.
 - a. The Championships are to be held on a date or dates in December of each year to be determined by the Council.
 - b. The Council may determine that the Girls Championships be held on a date or dates different from those determined for the Open Championships.
 - c. If the Girls' Championship and the Open Championship are held on the same date or dates, a player shall not play for a team in both events.
3.
 - a. Each affiliated State and Territory is entitled to be represented by one team in each Championship provided that the host State or Territory may enter a second team in a Championship so as to avoid there being a bye.
 - b. That team is to represent one school from the State or Territory.
4.
 - a. Each team may comprise up to 6 players, any 4 of whom may play in any match"
 - b. Players are to be bona fide students of the secondary or primary school, as the case may be, in the State or Territory that their team represents.
 - c. Players are to be entered, and to play, in their teams in order of playing strength which is not to be varied during the Championships.
 - d. The names of the four players who are to play must be given to the arbiter at least 15 minutes before the round in which they are to play.
 - e. A list of all players in each team in order of playing strength is to be given to the arbiter and to each other team in the same Championship at least 30 minutes before the time appointed for the beginning of the first round.
 - g. A team that is dissatisfied with the order of playing strength notified for any other team in the same Championship may protest against that order by writing stating the grounds of the protest and given to the arbiter and to the team affected at least 20 minutes before the time appointed for the beginning of the first round. The arbiter, having given the team affected the opportunity to reply to the protest, shall determine the matter forthwith and may either dismiss the protest or uphold the protest and order that the playing order of the players in the team affected be varied as specified by the arbiter.
5.
 - a. Each Championship shall be won by the team having the highest team points being the sum of points scored by all individual members of the team.
 - b. If more than one team in a Championship has the same number of team points, the following tie-break principles apply in the order listed:
 - (i) match points - 2 for a win, 1 for a draw, 0 for a loss;
 - (ii) team points scored in matches between the tied teams - eg if 3 teams in a tie each team would have a score out of 12;
 - (iii) as in (ii) but with preference given to wins on the highest board.
 - c. If, after applying (i) to (iii), any teams are still tied, the title is to be shared by those teams.
6. Subject to this By-law, the By-laws for ACF Tournaments 1. to 35. apply to the Championships.



Secondary Girls
Championship

Alfred Deakin ACT

Alfred Deakin High School

is an ACT year 7 to 10 public high school set in the established inner south suburb of Deakin. Earlier this year the school celebrated its 40th birthday. The excellent reputation of ADHS results in it drawing students from 38 different primary schools across the ACT and NSW. Within the school community 44 different cultural backgrounds are represented and 40 different languages spoken.

The ADHS logo was designed by a former student and symbolises "reaching for enlightenment with grace and strength."



ALFRED DEAKIN
HIGH SCHOOL

Chess at our School

The ADHS girls chess team is made up of five Year 7 girls; Kayleigh Smith, Natalie Shadwell, Grace Huang, Amy Frost and Courtney Evans-Turner. All the girls came to ADHS this year from Curtin Primary School where they won the Australian Schools Teams Girls Primary School Championship in 2004 and 2005. They have had a wide range of experience playing chess, with Kayleigh representing Australia in overseas competition, four of the girls having played at previous Australian Schools Teams competitions, while it will be the first Australian level chess competition for Courtney. The girls are looking forward to representing their school and the ACT at their first High School Australian Teams competition

Kayleigh Smith

first learned to play chess at age 5 from Jeff Suptut at Curtin Primary School. She counts her biggest chess achievement as playing overseas. Outside of chess she really enjoys rock-climbing. Kayleigh likes metal music, her favourite book is "The



Children of the Lamp" and she hopes one day to be a zookeeper or zoologist.

Natalie Shadwell

was taught to play chess at age 5 by her dad. She counts the 2004 win by Curtin Primary in the ASTC as her most exciting achievement in chess with cable hang-gliding being the most exciting thing she has done away from the boards. Natalie likes all books, metal music and hopes to own her own bookshop one day. She admires local chess player Chris Tran.



Grace Huang

learned to play chess at the Curtin Primary chess club when she was 8. Like Natalie, the 2004 & 2005 ASTC wins are counted as her biggest chess achievements but playing the violin in concerts was also pretty exciting. Grace likes the Backstreet Boys, The Princess Diaries and shopping with friends. One day she hopes to be a magazine editor or a librarian.

Amy Frost learned to play chess at Curtin Primary chess club when she was 7 and was very proud to be ranked 2nd of

the Year 7 Girls in the 2006 ACT Secondary Girls' Championship. Amy also likes computer games, Beading (she won 1st Prize in the Royal Canberra Show for her beading) and playing the oboe. Amy hopes to play the oboe professionally, or to be a vet. When she listens to music - any kind of oboe music will do!

Courtney Evans-Turner

also learned to play chess at Curtin Primary when she was 9 years old. In both the 2005 and 2006 ACT Women's & Girls' Championship, Courtney received the "First Unrated" prize. Courtney is also a keen competitor in calisthenics and would like to be an actor one day. Courtney likes to listen to Kelly Clarkson and lists a trip to Niagara Falls when she was just 5 years old as the most exciting thing she has done away from chess!



Alfred Deakin High School
www.adhs.act.edu.au
Denison Street
Deakin ACT 2600



Secondary Girls
Championship

Merrimac State High QLD

Merrimac State High School

Merrimac State High School is an internationally-recognised school and one of the Gold Coast's premium educational learning environments. It is located in a central position on Queensland's Gold Coast within walking distance to the sand and surf of Mermaid Beach. The school has a proud 27-year history of producing informed, qualified and active citizens. Merrimac's culture is characterized by: traditional values, sports, industry, tertiary and international partnerships, innovative curriculum initiatives, learning beyond the classroom, pride as a student of Merrimac and as a responsible Australian citizen, a multi-cultural student population, emphasis on student safety and well-being and close interaction between school and community.



Chess at our School

Merrimac has entered teams in all local interschool chess tournaments over the last five years. They have qualified for state finals in Open interschool tournaments. The school has also entered a girls team in the state finals for the last five years, winning twice and being runners-up twice. Students are encouraged to enter non-school chess tournaments. The most outstanding male and female players receive trophies each year on the school's Presentation Night

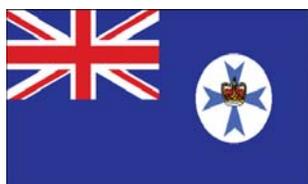
Alexandra Jule

learned to play chess at Worongary Primary School at the age of 7. She counts her biggest achievement in chess as participating in the World Youth Championship in Batumi, Georgia and she is the current Australian Girls' Champion. Alex doesn't read chess books - maybe she's too busy with sports, shopping, hanging with friends and white water rafting in New Zealand! She rates her top book as "Lion Throne" by Iris Johanson. Alex looks up to her Mum and would like to be a primary school teacher.

Amy Evans

was taught to play chess at the age of 7 by her sister. Overseas experiences rate pretty highly on her list of chess achievements with Amy representing Australia at the World Youth in Spain (2001) and Greece (2002). She looks up to Australian IM Davis Smerdon but like Alex, doesn't read too many chess books. Amy also likes netball and her team took out the premier league division in 2005. She listens to Chasing Cars (something she may do one day if she succeeds in becoming a police officer!)

Bec Petersen learned chess from Ben Moore at the age of 14. Her first win in a tournament game is her biggest chess achievement to date (we're sure there's more to come!) She takes her tips from the "Complete



"Idiot's Guide to Chess." Bec also likes reading and lists her favourite book as George Orwell's 1984. Favourite music is Amigo. Her most exciting non-chess experience was a trip to Ireland. Bec looks up to anyone taller than her and one day hopes to be a veterinary nurse.

Edwina Young

learned to play chess at the age of 8 at Caningeraba Primary School. Winning her first tournament this year is her most exciting achievement in chess. She's a big fan of team mate Alex Jule, and supports her own game with "Chess Tactics

for Students." Edwina also likes Art, R&B music and feels her biggest non-chess achievement is completing Year 12. Her favourite book is "Ten Thousand Sorrows." Edwina hopes to be an audit accountant.



Merrimac State High School
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Dunlop Court
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Secondary Girls
Championship

North Sydney Girls High NSW

North Sydney High School

North Sydney Girls High School is a selective school committed to providing a stimulating and challenging environment for successful, high achieving girls. Founded in 1914, the school has a proud tradition for preparing multi talented young women to take a leading role in society and in the professions, academia, the media and the arts. As well as gaining outstanding academic results, the school encourages full participation in the cultural, physical and social life of the school. In a caring, personalised learning environment our students develop confidence and self esteem through a range of programs and the opportunity to mix and learn with other students like themselves.



Chess at our School

North Sydney Girls High School are the 2005 Australian Girls' Secondary School Champions.

Heather Huddleston learned to play chess at the age of 7 from her Grade 2 teacher. She considers playing chess overseas as her greatest achievement in the game. Not a big fan of chess books (or conventional chess players), Heather admires Johnny Depp's play in the movie "Finding Neverland." Away from chess she likes shopping, sleeping, 80s music (should keep the arbiter's happy!) and reading. If she understood half the things in Stephen Hawking's "A Brief History of Time" then that would be her top book but to be safe she'll say "The Little Prince" by Antoine de Saint Exupéry. Her choice of career will be something lucrative like an entrepreneur, or something fun like a journalist or barrister but she hasn't really decided yet.

Deborah Ng was taught to play by



her Dad at the age of 7. She counts her win in the Australian Girls Under 12 Championship in Perth as her greatest achievement in chess. The North Sydney Girls have a preference (in chess reading) for NSWJCL Magazine Issue 105 (we'll have to find out why) but Deborah also claims to like reading the Memoirs of Michael Lip - her favourite chessplayer. There will be many in Australian chess after a copy of that tome! Deborah also likes cycling, looks up to Harry Potter (?) and wants to be a vet (especially now she has been successful in obtaining a pet!)



Amy Cao learned chess from a computer at the age of 10. The ASTC in Perth 2004 is her top chess achievement and her top chess book is "Training the Tournament Player." Amy is another fan of player Michael Lip! Amy is also keen on Art and hopes to be a Digital CGI artist. Her top book is "1984" by George Orwell, she listens to j-pop and counts abseiling as her most exciting experience away from chess.

Lipi Jain learned to play chess at 9 from her Dad and the 2004 ASTC in Perth was also her top

experience in chess. Her top chess book is "Think like a Grandmaster" by Alexander Kotov and she admires the play of Judit Polgar. Lipi is also a keen swimmer, has enjoyed snorkelling, reads "Where's Wally" and is very interested in the works of Johnny Depp! Lipi would like to be a lawyer.

Stephanie Leung also learned to play chess at 9 from her Dad and the 2005 ASTC in Sydney rates as her top experience in chess. Another big Michael Lip fan she claims to have read the complete - and unabridged - version! Stephanie was impressed with Ron Weasley's efforts in Wizard's Chess. She like The Wiggles (and we hope some other music), roasting marshmallows over candles and more seriously hopes to be a paediatric oncologist.



North Sydney Girls High School
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Crowns Nest NSW 2065



Secondary Girls
Championship

Wilderness School SA

Wilderness School

Wilderness School is a non-denominational day and boarding school for girls from Reception to Year 13, with an Early Learning Centre for girls and boys who are 3 years of age. Our current enrolment is 600, comprising 200 day girls in the Junior School and 330 day girls and 70 boarders in the Middle and Upper Schools.



Chess at our School

The Chess Club is a lunch-time activity on two days per week, attended by girls from Years 2 to 12. Teams are entered into the Inter-school competitions each year. The girls playing in the Australian Schools Teams Championships have played in the S.A. Junior Chess League Competitions.

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Jacqueline Karatassas

learned to play chess at the age of 4 from her Grandfather. She is also a keen writer and names her most exciting non-chess achievement as writing a book. Her top read is "Interview with a Vampire" and she likes to listen to Slipknot. Jacqueline hopes to become a neurosurgeon.

Coco Wong

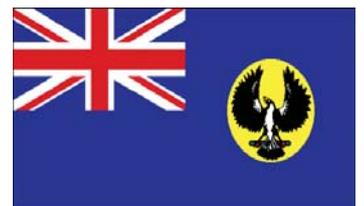
began playing chess at school at the age of 8 with her most exciting chess moment being her first tournament game. She admires the play of Bobby Fischer. Coco enjoys school and reading the Harry Potter series.

Athena Taylor is in Year 10 and competed in the SAJCL Secondary B Grade competition in 2006.



Katerina Flabouris

first learned to play at 5 years of age from her Dad. This is her third year at the ASTC having been part of the Primary School team previously. She likes the chess book "How to Reassess Your Chess" and admires SA chess identity, Alan Goldsmith. Katerina also likes bike riding, playing hockey, pop music and Monty Python movies. If she doesn't make it as a professional chess player, she hopes to be a non-professional player!



Wilderness School
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Primary Girls
Championship

Curtin Primary ACT

Curtin Primary School

is a popular Government K-6 school in the Woden Valley. The school has a capacity of 425 students as determined by the ACT Department of Education. The school is 40 years old. Curtin Primary School aims to provide all students with learning and living skills that enable them to adapt to change and foster an enthusiasm for further learning. The school intends to achieve this in an environment which emphasises the academic, social and recreational aspects of education.



Chess at our School

The Chess Club started at the school in 2001 and meets every Thursday lunch time in the school library. Although the school is very proud of the many trophies won by students in interschool and individual events, we are most proud of the record of participation by our players. Our excellent results have come from a willingness to "have a go" and enjoy this great game! The Club has many Junior School members (even this team has itself, an average age of only 9!) and girls number around half (and sometimes more than half) of our members.

Lucinda Flood

first learned to play chess at age 5 from her brother and won her first trophy in 2003 as the 1st Kindy Girl in the end of year school tournament. Lucinda thinks going to the beach for the first time was a pretty exciting experience! She likes most music, her favourite book is The Da Vinci Code and one day she wants to be a doctor.

Yi-Ying Zeng

began playing chess at age



6 at the school chess club. Her perfect score in the 2006 South Canberra Girls Zone is her most exciting chess achievement. Yi-Ying likes Laszlo Polgar's "Reform Chess" and looks up to GM Ian Rogers. She also likes reading & piano and going to her Guide Camp in Broulee. She also wants to be a doctor.

Gala Huang learned to play chess at the Curtin Primary chess club. She was very excited to win her Rating Group in the 2006 ACT Junior Championship.



Gala likes Beanie Kids and playing violin in concerts. Her favourite book is Fantastic Mr Fox and she also likes High School Musical. Gala looks up to her sister, Grace (in the ADHS team) and would like to be a teacher at Curtin Primary when she grows up.

Amy Flood learned to play chess at Curtin Primary chess club when she was 6 and still remembers winning her first trophy in a school tournament in 2004. She also likes music, performing and books about Ancient Egyptians - as well as **all** chess books!

Isabelle Spooner

learned to play chess at 6 and loves to win trophies! She likes to play on the computer, go to Zone 3 Laser Games and read books like The Hobbit. Her favourite chess book is "Traps & Zaps 2" and she admires GM Ian Rogers. Isabelle would like to be a vet.

Yi-Jing Zeng

started playing chess at the school club when she was 5. Still only 8, she scored a perfect 7/7 at the ACT Open Primary Finals in 2006. Also in 2006 she competed in the Australian National Eisteddfod and won 12 & under Beginner Strings and 8 & under Violin. She likes sports, music & reading. Her favourite chess book is Larry Evans' "Test your chess IQ." Yi-Jing would like to become a teacher.



Curtin Primary School
www.curtinps.act.edu.au

Theodore Street
Curtin ACT 2600



Primary Girls' Championship

Essex Heights VIC

Essex Heights Primary School

Essex Heights Primary School, situated in Mt Waverley, Victoria, was established in 1964 and has a school population of 587. It provides a primary education of the highest quality for its children and is recognized as a school of excellence. At Essex Heights, all children are valued and differences are accepted within a supportive school environment. The curriculum caters for the needs of all children and encourages each child to reach his/her potential in a stimulating and challenging classroom environment.



Chess at our School

Essex Heights has an exceptional Chess Program. Chess is taught as part of the curriculum in Grade 3 and coaching occurs throughout the school in the form of Master Classes, Junior and Intermediate Extension/Enrichment Classes and After-School Classes. The children are encouraged to participate at their own level whether this be at a beginning level or a master class level. Students have the opportunity to participate in interschool and State competitions and have enjoyed much success. Essex Heights children have travelled as far afield as Spain and Greece representing both the school and Australia. We have had participants in the national chess championships for the past 9 years, an achievement that is unrivalled in any other state school, as are the results that we have gained.

Jenny Fan first learned to play chess at age 8 at Essex Heights Primary School. She counts winning the state championship for girls with her school team as her greatest chess achievement. Outside of



chess, Jenny is a bronze medallist (piano) from the Waverly Eisteddfod and enjoys horse-riding, classical music and reading (Dragonkeeper is her favourite book). One day she hopes to be an author herself.

Natasha Peters also learned to play chess at the age of 8. And like the rest of her team is very excited about achieving representation for Victoria and her school at the ASTC. Natasha also loves sport and



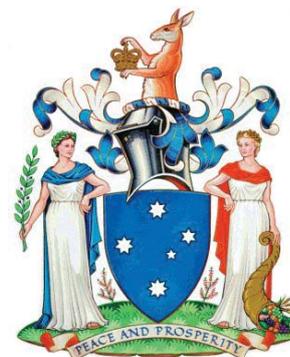
rates her 33 second PB in the 800m race in Athletics as her top non-chess achievement. She likes to listen to Pink, her favourite book is Boy Overboard.

Michaela Peters learned to play chess at just 6 years of age. She has lots of other interests including sport, piano, maths, english, reading and athletics. She is particularly proud to have reached "state" for athletics! She share's twin sister Natasha's choice in music (Pink) and her favourite book is Once by Morris Gleitzman. Michaela hopes to be a professional athlete.

Danielle Carey

was an early starter, learning chess at age 3 from her Dad & older brothers. Danielle was proud to be part of the Girls' Primary team to place 3rd in the interschool 3 years ago. Danielle also likes singing and dancing and has enjoyed participating in many concerts. Danielle hopes to be a doctor one day.

Sheree Deng learned to play chess at age 7. She enjoys reading (especially Harry Potter) and plays piano. Her greatest non-chess achievement was a score of 100 on her piano theory test. Sheree's favourite music is Chopin's Grande Valse. One day she hopes to be a doctor or vet.



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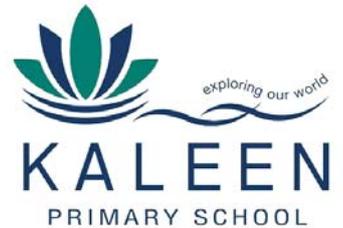
Primary Girls
Championship

Kaleen Primary ACT

Kaleen Primary School

Kaleen Primary School has an outstanding reputation as one of the finest primary schools in the ACT. We proudly promote government schooling and our academic, musical and sporting achievements show that we succeed in promoting excellence.

At Kaleen Primary School we are proud of the rich educational environment provided for all students. Our commitment is to work with parents in endeavouring to ensure that all students are given every opportunity to achieve their full potential.



Chess at our School

Kaleen Primary School offers chess programs to children from Kindergarten to Year 6. The chess clubs operate throughout the week, allowing children to learn the game of chess. Chess also helps to extend children's problem-solving and visual/spatial skills, and offers both social and competitive opportunities. A mentoring program is also run, where senior children assist younger players in their development and understanding of the game.



admiring players like Tim Cahill, David Beckham and Cristiano Ronaldo and one day hoping to be a professional Soccer player for either Australia or Manchester United

Naomi Kwong was taught to play chess at the age of 10 by her Dad. Winning the North Canberra Girls' Zone is her most exciting chess achievement. She admires her team captain, Emma Guo. Away from chess Naomi is a keen gymnast with her most exciting non-chess achievement being a backsault. She is keen to be a gymnastics coach when she is older. Naomi also likes all kinds of music and the book "Secrets and Lies."

Emma Guo

has come a long way since being taught to play chess by her brother at the age of 6. Emma achieved an =10th ranking - *in the world* - at the 2005 World Youth in Belfort, France. Her favourite chess book is "Learning Chess for Beginners" and her top player is Judit Polgar. Emma keeps busy away from chess with softball, soccer, futsal and rugby league and counts her most exciting non-chess achievements as being selected to represent the ACT in softball and achieving her black belt in TaeKwondo. Emma wants to be a professional footballer!

Joanne Lee

began playing chess at school at the age of 11 and winning the North Canberra Primary Girls Zone with her school team has been her greatest achievement in chess. She also loves soccer and her team placed 2nd in the 2006 Kanga Cup. Joanne admires Garry Kasparov in chess and Tim Cahill in soccer. She likes to read The Amazon Temple Quest, listen to Usher and would like to be an architect one day.

Priya Gakhar

learned chess from her Dad at the age of 6. The ASTC and a trip to Melbourne for the Chesskids Nationals have been Priya's most exciting chess achievements. Like all the Kaleen girls she has a busy life away from the boards with soccer, futsal, swimming, netball, basketball, the computer and tv also among her interests. In 2006, Priya was selected in the Canberra U11 soccer squad. Priya enjoys rap & hip-hop music. She likes to read "Football Fever of Manchester United FC" and the soccer theme continues with Priya



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Primary Girls
Championship

Somerville House QLD

Somerville House

Somerville House, established in 1999 by Miss Eliza Fewings, is a day and boarding school for 1217 girls from Prep to Year 12. A School of the Presbyterian and Methodist Association, Somerville House is located in South Brisbane, an inner city suburb of Brisbane Queensland. Somerville House offers diverse programs that challenge and encourage each student to reach her potential in a strong, supportive and spiritually rich environment. 'Honour Before Honours', the School's motto succinctly expresses the true ethos of Somerville House.



Chess at our School

In 1997, Dr Murray Evans, Principal of Somerville House at that time, introduced Chess as a mandatory subject for all students in Year 2, 3 and 5. Today, Chess is a compulsory subject for all students from Year 2 to Year 6. We believe that the chess program at Somerville House is unique because students are assigned homework tasks each week and at the end of Semester sit for a Chess exam. Chess assessment is also included in the School Report. In addition to classes in school time, there are opportunities for students of all year levels to participate in chess activities.

Abbie Kanagarajah

learned to play chess at the age of 5, having been taught by her Grandpa. Winning the Queensland Under 8 Championship is her most exciting achievement in chess. Reassess you chess is her favourite chess book. Abbie also likes classical music & reading books like Anne of Green Gables. She had an exciting trip to Japan for a holiday. One day she would like to be a surgeon operating on brain tumours.



Leteisha Simmonds

began playing chess at school at the age of 8 and winning the Queensland Girls Teams Championship last year is her most exciting chess achievement. Her top chess book is "Breaking Through" and she admires players like Bobby Fischer & Judit Polgar. Away from chess she enjoys swimming, tennis, softball and reading books like "Mao's Last Dancer." She likes classical



music by Mozart and Bach. Leteisha's most exciting experience away from chess was a trip to Disneyland in Paris! She admires her Mum & Dad and would one day like to be a vet, scientist or engineer

Vanessa Hu

was taught to play by Connie Pizzato at the age of 6 and her most exciting achievement (so far) was her first medal in a Somerville House tournament. She really likes rock climbing because when she accomplishes a course she feels very proud. In chess she admires Garry Kasparov but

outside of chess it is her Mum she looks up to as someone she can take her troubles to. Vanessa would like to be a fashion designer.

Georgia Bennett

learned to play chess from Connie Pizzato at the age of 6 and is very excited to be competing at the ASTC for the second year in a row. Her favourite chess book is Chess Made Easy and she is a fan of Australian GM Ian Rogers. Georgia is also a keen tennis player and swimmer and would like to be a professional tennis player (or an anaesthetist) when she grows up. She is well on the way having competed in the Optus National Tennis Tournament. Georgia listens to Justin Timberlake and likes the book "Dragon Keeper."



Somerville House
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Primary Girls
Championship

Summer Hill Public NSW

Summer Hill Public School

Summer Hill Public School is a State school with a long history going back to 1883. It is situated in the inner-west of Sydney. Summer Hill Public School has approximately 710 children, 40% of our students coming from non-English speaking backgrounds. Our school is renowned for its performing arts and also includes four Opportunity classes for gifted and talented students.



Chess at our School

Summer Hill Public School have been State chess champions in the Girls division of the primary championships on four separate occasions. They will be representing New South Wales at the ASTC again this year. The Summer Hill Open team have also competed at a national level on five separate occasions.

The team is coached by Mr Michael Walsh, a past President of the Senior NSW Chess Association and Sydney Chess Champion. The hardworking Chess Committee, in conjunction with Michael Walsh, have seen the numbers of students involved in chess at school increase dramatically over the last four years. The Manager of our club is Ms Karen Sinclair, a deputy principal at our school.

Caroline Shan

learned to play chess at the age of 5 from her Dad. Caroline was very excited to be placed 2nd in the Australian Under 10 Girls Championship earlier this year. Caroline admires Judit Polgar and her favourite chess book is about the Polgar sisters. Away from chess Caroline likes to read Charlie and the Chocolate Factory. She is also keen on art and hopes to become a writer or artist one day.

Serena Fernandez

was taught to play chess at the age of 6 by her



Dad. Winning the PLC Girls Competition is her most exciting chess achievement but she is also very proud of - away from chess - her win in the dance eisteddfod. Serena also likes reading (Snow, Fire, Sword!) and drawing and would like to become an artist or a vet.

Anita Wu started playing chess at 8 when her brother taught her the moves. Her top chess book is "101 Steps for Playing Advanced Chess." She likes modern pop music and her favourite book to read is Jane Austen's "Pride and Prejudice." Anita has won a first prize for state ballet solo competition and hopes to become a gymnastics or dance director.

Yatha Jain learned chess from her Dad at the age of 5. She likes to read "Checkmate at Chess City" and all the Harry Potter books. She really likes going to Luna Park. She admires Johnny Depp and Jessica Malboy from Australian Idol. Yatha would like to become a teacher.



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Primary Girls
Championship

Wilderness School SA

Wilderness School

Wilderness School is a non-denominational day and boarding school for girls from Reception to Year 13, with an Early Learning Centre for girls and boys who are 3 years of age. Our current enrolment is 600, comprising 200 day girls in the Junior School and 330 day girls and 70 boarders in the Middle and Upper Schools.



Chess at our School

The Chess Club is a lunch-time activity on two days per week, attended by girls from Years 2 to 12. Teams are entered into the Inter-school competitions each year. The girls playing in the Australian Schools Teams Championships have played in the S.A. Junior Chess League Competitions.

Katerina Bryant

learned to play chess from her parents at the age of 4 and going to the ASTC is her most exciting achievement in chess. Her top book is Reassess Your Chess and she admires local chess identity, Alan Goldsmith. Katerina likes making movies, rock & alternative music, had a very exciting experience parasailing (freefall) and would like to become a personal injury lawyer.

Kimba Wong

was also taught to play at age 4 by her parents. Like Katerina, Reassess Your Chess is her top chess book and Alan Goldsmith her most admired player. She likes lots of other stuff away from chess, especially bands like the Cat Empire & Ozomath. She rates

going overseas as her most exciting non-chess experience and would like to be an astrologer.

Stephanie Mills

learned chess from a school teacher at the age of 7. All the Wilderness girls have been poring over Jeremy Silman's Reassess Your Chess with guidance from Alan Goldsmith. Stephanie also likes all kinds of music and enjoys contemporary dancing. Her top non-chess book is "Elsewhere" by Gabrielle Zevin. She was very excited to travel overseas but in the future she wants to go even further - studying the skies as an astronomer!

Zofia Foley

was taught to play chess at 8 by her Grandpa Pepe. Going to the Sydney ASTC has been her greatest chess achievement. Zofia likes the chess book - "The Art of Chess." She also likes to do swimming, tennis dancing and enjoys travelling to



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new places.. Her favourite book is "Clarice Bean Spells Trouble." She likes to listen to The Beatles, Elvis & Henry Mancini and would one day like to become a farmer or a priest.

Tiffany Jape learned chess at 10 and was very excited to make the B Grade competition. She looks up to her whole team. A trip to Disneyland with the family is the most exciting thing to happen away from chess. She likes alternative music,

spending time with her family and hopes to be a doctor one day.



Wilderness School
www.wilderness.com.au/
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Secondary Open
Championship

Applecross Senior High WA

Applecross Senior High School

Applecross Senior High School opened in 1958. Since that time, its students and teachers have built a proud record of cultural, academic and sporting achievement. In 2006, the school has developed into a large, ethnically diverse community with an enrolment of 1450. It is regarded as one of the 'flagship' academic Government Schools in W.A. and also offers specialist programmes in Visual Arts and Tennis. Applecross SHS is situated near the beautiful Swan River and is adjacent to the Garden City shopping centre in Ardross.



Chess at our School

In 2006, Applecross celebrated a decade of interschool chess participation by winning both the W.A. Premier and W.A. Secondary B League competitions. Applecross first earned the right to represent W.A. at the Australian Schools Championships in 2002, and have since represented W.A. in 2003 and 2005. Since 1997 eighteen teams have represented Applecross in interschool competitions in W.A.. Ten of those teams won State Championships. Four teams were Runners-Up. The other four teams finished third. We were placed third at last year's Australian Schools Championships and look forward to an enjoyable event in 2006.

Nathan Rozells

is the current Applecross Chess Champion. He likes Tal and/ playing chess on internet. Nathan is interested in commerce.

Andrew Buckley

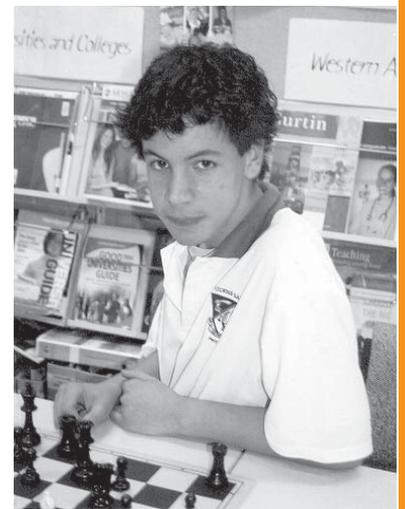
His chess highlight was last year's ASTC. Andrew likes science, listening to music

and has no idea what he wants to do!

Paul Taylor His chess highlight was last year's ASTC. He likes studying openings and also likes playing music

Andrew Perica

His chess highlight was winning the School Championship in Primary School. Andrew also likes soccer and is good at Maths. His favourite chess book is Fischer v Spassky. Andrew likes jazz, most admires Bobby Fischer and looks up to Lance Armstrong. He wants to be an engineer.



Applecross Senior High School
[/www.axnet.wa.edu.au](http://www.axnet.wa.edu.au)

Links Road
Ardross WA 6153



Secondary Open
Championship

Balwyn High VIC

Balwyn High School

Balwyn High School is a coeducational school of over 1880 students in Years 7 to 12. It has a dedicated, professional team of 180 teachers and support staff. Established in 1954, the school has developed a rich intellectual culture. This culture manifests itself in an outstanding record of achievement that is proof of the excellence and leadership the school has offered to Victorian education.

The relevance and strength of our tradition and culture is reflected in a heavy demand for enrolments, and a reputation that extends both interstate and overseas.



Chess at our School

Balwyn High School has run a chess club for many years, although the club was on the wane a little until the last few years when some new staff arrived and reinvigorated the club. Since 2004 the club has seen its membership grow significantly. Upon the arrival of Frank Curigliano a ranking system was instigated to help assemble teams. Rankings are updated regularly with members able to challenge high ranked opponents for their spot.

The club has frequently won Victoria's Eastern Zone Finals and this year, after going close in the last 2 years, won the State title for the first time. Although there is much competitiveness amongst club members, there is also strong camaraderie. We look forward, with great pleasure, to taking on the best schools from around Australia.

Chris Wallis was taught to play chess at age 7 by his cousin. His most exciting achievement in chess was to represent Australian in Belfort, France in 2005 at the World Youth



Championship. Anatoly Karpov is his most admired player, and Karpov's book "chess at the Top" is his favoured chess book. Outside of chess he likes tennis, table tennis, reading (The Amulet of Samarkand), jazz music and wants to be a doctor.

Devrim Van Dijk learned to play chess at the age of 6 with his Dad. His second placing in the 2004 Victorian Under 16



Championship is his most exciting chess achievement to date. Devrim also enjoys tennis, swimming and reading (fantasy novels), most music (as long as it's not country & western) and lists his most exciting non-chess experience as travelling the world when he was in just Grade 1. Admiring Sir Gustav Nossel, Devrim hopes to be a scientist himself.

Sam Dalton learned to play chess at the age of 3 and is the 2006 Victorian Under 14 Champion. He also likes football and basketball and has ambitions to be an AFL footballer.

Josh Dalton

started playing chess at age 7 after being taught by his Dad. Making the ASTC is his most exciting chess achievement! His top chess book is "My System" by Nimzowich and his most admired player is Topolov. Josh also hopes for a sporting future - in basketball - and he also enjoys tennis and playing drums.

Zhong Hao Gan

started playing chess at age 6 and feels his most exciting achievements in the game are still to come (maybe at the ASTC itself?) Zhong hasn't made too many decisions about what he hopes to do - we know it never hurts to keep your mind open to new opportunities! Especially if you're playing chess.



Balwyn High School
www.balwynhs.vic.edu.au
Buchanan Avenue
North Balwyn Victoria 3104



Secondary Open
Championship

Knox Grammar NSW

Knox Grammar School

Knox Grammar School is an exemplary school which develops, within a caring Christian environment, young men of integrity, wisdom, compassion and faith. Men with a sure knowledge of who they are and how they should live.

Knox is a non-selective Uniting Church boys' school for day and boarding students offering an outstanding range of educational and developmental opportunities. In educating Knox boys, we seek to develop their character and confidence, teach them to value commitment and actively recognise and reward those endeavours which lead to success. We encourage innovation and foster valued school traditions.



Chess at our School

2006 has proved to be another successful year for Knox Grammar School Chess. In Term 1, Knox started the year superbly by winning the CAS competition (The Purdy Trophy) for the second consecutive year. During Terms 2 and 3 our Senior and Junior A Teams made the semi-finals of the NSW Secondary School Championships, a proud achievement after both teams were crowned Metropolitan North Champi-

James Cronan

learned to play chess at the age of 10 and becoming an Australian Under 14 Champion is his most notable chess achievement to date. His preferred chess book is Nunn's Chess Openings and he admires team mate Blair Mandla and leading NSW (and Australia) junior, Raymond Song. James also likes soccer and making the "Firsts" for soccer is his top achievement away from the boards. He hopes to be a mathematician.

Blair Mandla

was taught to play chess

by his father at the age of 9. In 2004 he won the NSW State Lightning with a 100% record! Favoured chess book is Queen's Gambit Accepted. Blair is a fan of rock'n'roll music, The Da Vinci Code and mathematics. Going bungy jumping was the most exciting experience he's had away from chess. Blair has the goal of one day being the financial controller of Macquarie Bank!

Timothy Priest

learned chess from his father at the age of 6. Being part of the Knox team to win in NSW in 2005 is his greatest achievement in chess so far. He likes the chess book "reassess Your Chess" by Jeremy Silman. Away from chess, Timothy listens to Grunge Metal. He likes reading with his favourite book being "Silence of the Lambs," and wants to be a novelist himself.



Michael Jenkins

learned to play chess from his Dad at 6 years of age. The third placing of his Knox team in the 2005 ASTC is his biggest achievement in chess. He also likes tennis & soccer and admires tennis player Raphael Nadal. Michael enjoys John Marsden's "Tomorrow" series, rock music and is proud to have topped the state in a mathematics competition

Stephen Priest



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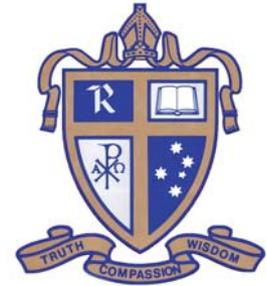
Secondary Open
Championship

Radford College ACT

Radford College

Radford College is a co-educational Anglican School. It was established in 1984.

Radford encourages students to achieve their best by fostering positive self-esteem that regards personal achievement as worthy of effort. We present our policies and practices within a balanced liberal education. A liberal education equips children not only with the ability to learn but also with the spiritual, moral and aesthetic senses that will enable them to perceive or to construct values in their lives.



Chess at our School

Radford had been the ANU High School Champion since 2000, the ACT High Schools Champion since 1999, but this year had to take second place to Telopea in these fast time control competitions, but was still successful at the playoffs to determine the representative ACT team at the National level. Radford has represented the ACT at the ASC since 1999. The winning Radford High School's team has always contained at least one and often two girls – a rarity among chess teams at the Secondary level.

A chess club runs every Wednesday at lunch time and in winter had over 50 students playing.

Chess is a full co-curricular activity at Radford and has braids and half-braids for chess, as well as a Captain of Chess and a Master in charge of chess

Kishore Sreetharan

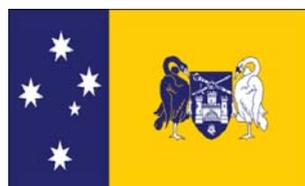
was taught to play chess at 8 by his sister and is proud to be at his 4th consecutive ASTC. His top chess book is "Modern Endgame Practice" and his most admired player is Vladimir Kramnik. Kishore also likes soccer, Bollywood



music, Bruce Lee and reading the Da Vinci Code. Kishore would like to be a Chartered Accountant.

David Jaksa

was taught to play chess at 6 by his Dad and is proud to be representing Radford for the third consecutive year at the ASTC. David is a keen musician away from chess, has played a solo with the pre-tertiary ANU strings orchestra and will listen to (almost) any music - especially jazz but



possibly not death-metal, heavy, heavy metal or punk. He would like to be a professional musician. David's favourite read is "A Clockwork Orange."

Tamzin Oliver

started playing chess at the age of 5 after watching her brother. Among many exciting chess achievements she rates being part of the first ACT team to win a place at ASTC and an equal first in the Australian U14 Girls' Championship as her best. Tamzin also enjoys reading, writing, basketball, singing & violin and achieved an equal first place at the Taylor Music Festival.

Tamzin would like to be a psychologist or a vet.

Nicholas Redpath

learned to play chess at the age of 6 from Keith Robertson at Ainslie Primary School. Playing for Radford at the ASTC is his greatest achievement in chess to date. He admires Garry Kasparov and rates his top chess book as "5000 +1 chess tactics." Nicholas is also a keen player of soccer and cricket, reads books like "Stormbreaker" and listens to the Red Hot Chili Peppers.

Andrew Farley

is a new player, catching up fast by reading books like "How to think like a Grandmaster - Kotou." He also likes Music (esp Red Hot Chili Peppers), reading Harry Potter and wants to be a musician or engineer.



Radford College
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Bruce ACT 2601



Secondary Open
Championship

Somerset College QLD

Somerset College

Somerset College is an independent, Christian, inter-denominational school serving a community of families. It strives for excellence by seeking to nurture in young people the spirit of inquiry in the quest to fulfill their potential in the many varied aspects of life. The College has a commitment to being a pioneer and leader in educational innovation, in accessing recognised international curricula, and in fostering and building links with local, national and international tertiary institutions and within the broader international community.



Chess at our School

Somerset College, a P-12 co-educational school located at Mudgeeraba, is widely recognised as the leading academic school in the Gold Coast region. It has built a strong chess tradition over the last 15 years. Unique to Chess at Somerset is the co-curricular programme, whereby approximately 90 (mainly primary) students receive a half hour tutorial in pairs each week during school time, in much the same way that students leave the class to learn musical instruments.

Jessica Kinder

was taught to play chess by her Dad and being selected to represent Australia at the World Youth Championship is her greatest achievement in chess. Her most admired chess player is Topalov. Jessica is also keen on sports and a 50m abseil is the most exciting experience she has had away from chess. Her favourite book is Gravity by Tess Geritson. One day she hopes to be a lawyer.

Jonas Muller

began playing chess at age 11 and winning the ASTC Primary School Championship is his greatest chess achievement. Jonas is a fan of Garry Kasparov. Away from chess, Jonas likes sports and Harry Potter books. He spent four years living in Japan. He hopes to become a pilot.

Steven Cooke

learned to play chess at 6 from his sister and winning an Australian Rapid title is his most exciting moment in chess. Steven is a fan of Mikhail Tal and Nunn's Chess Openings. Outside of chess he follows Rugby & Boxing, admires Muhammad Ali and would like to play Rugby professionally. He reads sports magazines, listens to R&B and Hip Hop and counts making the Gold Coast Cyclones as the most exciting thing to happen to him away from chess.



Brendan Baker

learned to play chess at 7 from his father. He also counts a past win at the ASTC as his greatest chess achievement. He looks up to Peter Froehlich and studies Dvoretzky's Endgame Manual. His favourite music comes from the band Green Day and he likes to read the Lord of the Rings. He also likes sports and would like to be a professional sportsperson - perhaps like Matt Giteau.



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Mudgeerabah QLD 4213



Secondary Open
Championship

St Peter's College SA

St Peter's College

St Peter's College is a leading independent Anglican day and boarding school providing the highest quality of education for boys from Pre-school to Year 12. Founded in 1847, St Peter's College is the oldest school in the State. It was established in the Anglican tradition but has from its earliest days welcomed students of all denominations.



St Peter's College

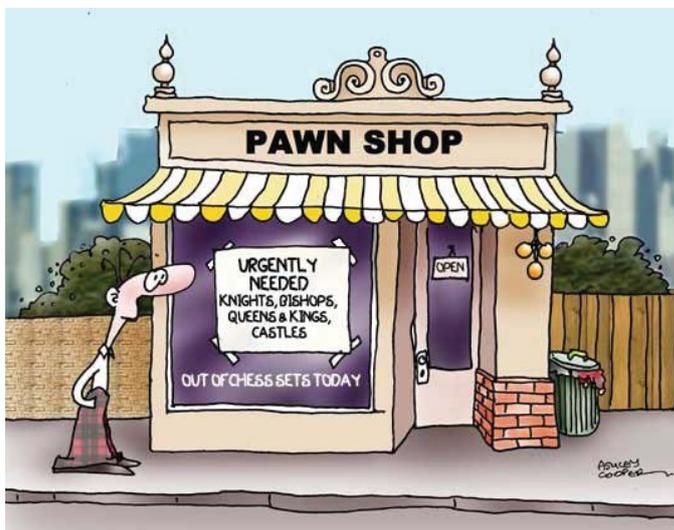
Chess at our School

This is will be the eighth time that the school has represented SA in these championships.

The Senior School has around 40 boys playing competitive chess. The team is the reigning premiers of the National championships.

The team is coached by WGM Daniela Nutu-Gajic and the teacher in charge is Trish Bartholomaeus.

James Obst began playing chess at the age of 8 and was taught to play by Mrs Bartholomaeus. Although James has achieved many things in chess he rates the win by St Peter's at the 2005 ASTC as his most exciting achievement. James' favourite player is Garry Kasparov and his top chess book is "Nunn's Chess Openings." Away from chess James is a keen poker player and would like to pursue this in the future. His top non-chess book is "Super System 2." James has also had success in tennis, he listens to the Hilltop Hoods and admires Gus Hansen.



Conference as his most exciting away from chess. He hopes to become a doctor.

Thomas Khoo started playing chess at the age of 6 and learned the game from his older brothers. His top achievements in chess have been becoming Under 16 State Champion and completing a perfect score in interschool competition. Thomas likes "The Mammoth Book of Chess" and admires Garry Kasparov. He is also a keen musician and has finished his associate diploma in piano. Thomas likes classical music and reads "The Lord Of The Rings - The Two Towers."

Prakash Thiyagarajah learned to play at the age of 7 from his Dad. He also favours the 2005 St Peter's ASTC victory as his top chess achievement and shares James' preferences for NCO and Garry Kasparov. Prakash enjoys soccer and the school soccer tour of England is his most exciting experience away from chess. He reads "The Da Vinci Code," listens to Coldplay and looks up to Shane Warne. Prakash

hopes to become a lawyer.

Ashwin Utturkar was taught to play chess at 10 by his Uncle. He is torn between the 2005 St Peter's victory at the ASTC and his personal success as the SA Under 18 State Champion as his top achievements in the game. His favourite player is Vishwanath Anand and he's also a fan of NCO. Ashwin likes tennis and cricket, reading Harry Potter and listening to an eclectic range of music that includes Nirvana, Pearl Jam, Simon & Garfunkel, and Stevie Wonder. Ashwin counts his experience with the United Nations Youth



St Peter's College
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St Peter's SA 5069



Primary Open
Championship

Ainslie School ACT

Ainslie School

As one of Canberra's oldest schools, Ainslie has acquired the rich traditions and sense of purpose that has endeared it to a succession of children, parents and staff. The opening of Ainslie School in 1927 was the first official act of the Prime Minister, Stanley Bruce, on his arrival in the newly established National Capital. Ainslie has always been a very happy school with a strong sense of community, making it a focal point within the surrounding suburbs. The involvement of parents and the community is highly valued at Ainslie and from its inception has been one of the most distinctive aspects of the school.



Chess at our School

The chess program at Ainslie School has been in the very capable hands of Keith Robertson for a number of years.

Michael Redpath

first learned chess at age 7 from his brother Nicholas (on the Radford team). Qualifying for the ASTC is Michael's most exciting chess achievement. He was also excited to make the Oceanic Squad as he likes soccer and harbours ambitions to play professionally for Liverpool. Michael also likes to listen to Hip Hop and read Lemony Snicket.

James Li

began playing chess at age 7 and was taught to play by Keith Robertson at Ainslie School. In 2006 he was very excited to place 2nd overall in the ACT Under 14 Championship. James really looks up to his Dad. He likes to read Artemis Fowl & the Lost Colony.

Tony Zhang

started playing chess at 5 and was also a pupil of Keith Robertson. Winning the North Zone Championship in 2005 is his most exciting chess achievement. He also likes swimming, holidays to

the Gold Coast, Linkin Park and reading books like Eagle Strike. Tony admires Thomas Edison, not surprisingly for someone who aspires to be a vehicle engineer/designer.

Max Cass

was taught to play chess by his dad at the age of 8. Making the Ainslie School team for the ASTC is his most outstanding achievement in chess. Like Michael, Max is a keen soccer player who counts competing in the Kanga Cup as one of the most exciting things he has done away from chess. He'd also like to be a professional soccer player one day. Max



likes to listen to Fort Minor and read books like "Ice Station."

Ian Crossfield is another to learn the game from his Dad at the age of 6. Coming 3rd in the North Canberra Zone last year is his greatest achievement in chess. He's another keen Ainslie soccer player. Away from the boards (and the soccer pitch), Ian climbed Mt Gowor on Lord Howe Island when he was just 7 years old.



Ainslie School
www.ainslieps.act.edu.au/
Donaldson Street
Braddon ACT 2602



Primary Open
Championship

Essex Heights VIC

Essex Heights Primary School

Essex Heights Primary School, situated in Mt Waverley, Victoria, was established in 1964 and has a school population of 587. It provides a primary education of the highest quality for its children and is recognized as a school of excellence. At Essex Heights, all children are valued and differences are accepted within a supportive school environment. The curriculum caters for the needs of all children and encourages each child to reach his/her potential in a stimulating and challenging classroom environment.



Chess at our School

Essex Heights has an exceptional Chess Program. Chess is taught as part of the curriculum in Grade 3 and coaching occurs throughout the school in the form of Master Classes, Junior and Intermediate Extension/Enrichment Classes and After-School Classes. The children are encouraged to participate at their own level whether this be at a beginning level or a master class level. Students have the opportunity to participate in interschool and State competitions and have enjoyed much success. Essex Heights children have travelled as far afield as Spain and Greece representing both the school and Australia. We have had participants in the national chess championships for the past 9 years, an achievement that is unrivalled in any other state school, as are the results that we have gained.

James Morris taught himself to play chess after watching others play the game. He rates his first placings in the Newcastle and Launceston Open events as his greatest achievements over the



board but his most exciting non-chess achievement is gaining entry to the accelerated program at University High School. James also likes soccer, reading and bike riding. He admires lots of chess players (and his Mum!) One day he wants to be a Human Rights Lawyer.

Eugene Schon learned to play chess at the age of 7. Draws against 3 FIDE Masters at the Dubai Junior tournament this year are Eugene's top chess achievements to date. His



most admired chess player is Anand. Eugene also likes soccer, rap music and his favourite book is Jasper Fforde's "Big Over Easy." Eugene has ambitions to be an actuary.

Nicholas Liu learned to play chess from a book at age 8 so it didn't take him long to excel as he counts his 1st in the 2005 Victorian Under 10 Championship as his top chess achievement! Outside of chess he likes computer games, reading Harry Potter and had a fantastic time visiting Dreamworld in 2006. Nicholas likes the saxophone and one day hopes to be a doctor.

Thomas Feng

started playing chess at age 6 and counts his 6/7 at the Victorian Under 12 Championship as his top chess achievement. He enjoys the Everyman Series of chess books but also enjoys reading the Selby series away from chess. Thomas also likes sport and counts scoring the winning goal of the Grade 6 house soccer competition as his most exciting non-chess achievement. Thomas hopes one day to be able to travel the world but would also like to be able to help his Dad in his shop.



Essex Heights Primary School
www.essexheightsps.vic.edu.au/
Essex Road
Mount Waverley Victoria 3149



Primary Open
Championship

Midland Christian WA

Midland Christian School

Midland Christian School was founded in 1982 following meetings of concerned parents in 1981. It was established on the belief that children needed not only an education that catered to their mental and physical needs, but offered also a firm spiritual foundation based on the realities of the Christian faith. Since then Midland Christian School has established a reputation for excellence by refusing to be distracted from our goal of providing a quality education based on Christian values.



Chess at our School

Chess began at Midland Christian in 2001 as a lunch time activity to encourage students problem solving skills. In 2002 time was given in the programme for Years 6 and 7. In this year the school first entered the schools competition, winning the C Grade. Since then the number of students actively playing in school competitions has increased to over 40, with all students being taught to play in Year 2. Since then our teams have performed very well, winning the A Grade in 2003, 2004, 2005 and again in 2006.

Midland Christian is proud to represent Western Australia in the Australian School's team Championships. We have been blessed with a wonderful group of students and parents who have worked very hard toward achieving this goal.

Benjamin Edland

was taught to play chess by his Grandfather at 4 years of age. He admires player Josh Waitzkin (and his Grandfather). He rates his top chess book as "101 Things You Should Learn About Chess" and away

from chess likes to read "Rakkety Tam." He also likes swimming & soccer (especially placing second in the soccer competition) and would like to be a doctor.

Thomas Edland

started playing chess at school at 8. He is very excited to be coming to Canberra! He likes soccer and the Great Escape water slides and would like to be a really good soccer player.

Rhys Katich first learned to play chess at 9 from his Dad. He counts getting into the A Grade as his top chess achievement. He also likes football and winning a football game is his top achievement away from chess.

Daniel McDonald

started playing chess at Riverlands Primary at the age of 5 and coming 2nd in his first tournament is



his most exciting chess achievement. His top chess book is "The Lazy Man's Guide to Chess" and he admires Josh Waitzkin. Daniel also likes computer games, listening to AC/DC and Star Wars books. He was excited to have the opportunity to travel to Croatia to visit relatives. One day he would like to be a chiropractor.

Adrian Della Franca

picked up chess from his Grandfather at the age of 5. Winning the State Championships is his most exciting chess achievement. Adrian works on his chess playing "Chessmaster 10th Edition" and admires the game of Bobby Fischer. He likes swimming, modern music, reading the "Lord of the Rings" and going to England is the most exciting thing to happen away from chess. Adrian would like to be an engineer.



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Primary Open
Championship

Somerset College QLD

Somerset College

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Chess at our School

Somerset College, a P-12 co-educational school located at Mudgeeraba, is widely recognised as the leading academic school in the Gold Coast region. It has built a strong chess tradition over the last 15 years. Unique to chess at Somerset is the co-curricular programme, whereby approximately 90 (mainly primary) students receive a half hour tutorial in pairs each week during school time, in much the same way that students leave the class to learn musical instruments.



Danielle Kinder can't remember when she first learned to play chess but it was her Dad who taught her to play. Her favourite chess book is Gary Lane's "Find the Checkmate" and she looks up to another player (some relation perhaps?) in Jessica Kinder. Danielle rates her performance in the Queensland Women's Championship as her best to date. Danielle also likes horse-riding & softball and her most exciting experience away from the boards was a trip to Japan! She would like to be a teacher.

Kelvin Finke

started playing chess at the age of 4 and has been both Australian Under 10 and Australian Under 12 Champion! His favourite chess book is "Nunn's Chess Openings and he admires fellow Queensland players, Moulthun Ly and Jessica Kinder. Away from the boards, Kelvin had an exciting trip to Canada, enjoys lots of sports and would like to be a professional Rugby player. His favourite book is the Lord of the Rings.

Kantley Wu

learned to play chess at the age of 6 and his most exciting achievement was to win this section of the ASTC with his school team in 2005. He admires GM Ian Rogers and likes books on the Caro-Kann. The most exciting thing to happen away from chess is his trip to New Zealand. Kantley also loves cricket and would like to be a cricket player in the future. He likes to read



Harry Potter.

Alex Arase was taught to play chess at the age of 6 by his friends. Getting to the 2006 ASTC is his most exciting chess achievement. Alex's most admired chess players are Peter Froehlich and Garry Kasparov and he's also a fan of NCO. He also likes sport and a trip in a plane is the most exciting thing to happen away from chess. One day he hopes to be an architect.



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Primary Open
Championship

St Peter's College SA

St Peter's College

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St Peter's College

Chess at our School

This is will be the eighth time that the school has represented SA in these championships.

The Junior School has over 100 boys playing competitive chess. Chess is taught as a subject in Year 4 & 5 for half an hour a week. Practises run during lunchtime once a week during the chess season in Term 2 & 3.

The team is coached by WGM Daniela Nutu-Gajic and the teacher in charge is Trish Bartholomaeus.

Tom Robertson

began playing chess at the age of 4 and was taught to play by his Mum. Winning the A Grade for 3 years running is his most exciting chess achievement. His favourite book is "Eldest" and he likes to listen to the Red Hot Chilli Peppers. One of his most exciting experiences has been going surfing. Tom would like to become a professional sportsman.

Emilio Pace learned to play at the age of 7 from his Dad. His winning streak



against the chess captain & others is his most exciting chess achievement. Emilio isn't keen on chess books but does admire Bobby Fischer. He likes designing and making things and would like to be an inventor. His most exciting achievement away from the boards is his (top secret) suburb invention. His favourite book is Isobelle Carmody's "The Keeping Place."



Stephen Daenke

was taught to play chess at 5 by his Dad. He is very excited to make the trip to Canberra for the ASTC. His favourite chess book is "The Mammoth Book of Chess" and his top player is Mikael Tal. Away from chess, Stephen likes cricket and soccer, The Rogue Traders and his favourite book is "Golden Armour – The Shield." Stephen looks up to Mike Hussey and would like to be a cricket player himself (or a lawyer) one day.

Christopher Ghan

started playing chess at the age of 8 and learned the

game from his Dad. His top achievement in chess so far is a certificate for playing in chess finals. Christopher is also a keen tennis player and was excited to make the state cross country. Away from chess, Stephen admires the historic figure, Alexander the Great. He also likes listening to Nickelback and his favourite book is "The Seven Ancient Wonders of the World by Matthew Reilly." Christopher hopes to become a doctor.



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Primary Open
Championship

Summer Hill Public NSW

Summer Hill Public School

Summer Hill Public School is a State school with a long history going back to 1883. It is situated in the inner-west of Sydney. Summer Hill Public School has approximately 710 children, 40% of our students coming from non-English speaking backgrounds. Our school is renowned for its performing arts and also includes four Opportunity classes for gifted and talented students.



Chess at our School

Summer Hill Public School have been State chess champions in the Girls division of the primary championships on four separate occasions. They will be representing New South Wales at the ASTC again this year. The Summer Hill Open team have also competed at a national level on five separate occasions.

The team is coached by Mr Michael Walsh, a past President of the Senior NSW Chess Association and Sydney Chess Champion. The hardworking Chess Committee, in conjunction with Michael Walsh, have seen the numbers of students involved in chess at school increase dramatically over the last four years. The Manager of our club is Ms Karen Sinclair, a deputy principal at our school.

Joshua Lau learned to play chess at the age of 4 from his Dad. He has had a number of exciting

chess achievements this year including placing =1st in the Australian Under 10 Championship and becoming NSW Under 12 state champion. Joshua admires both Kasparov & Kramnik and hopes to become a computer programmer.

Jeremy Qiao began playing chess at 8 at school. He counts his =3rd place in the City of Sydney U12 as his most exciting chess achievement so far! His favourite chess book is "Beating the Anti-Sicilians." Jeremy also likes sport and music and counts winning the touch footy competition with his school team as his most exciting experience away from chess. Jeremy would like to be an astronomer.



Charmian Zhang also began playing chess at 8 at school. Her second placing in the Australian Girls U12 Chess Championship this year is her most exciting chess experience! Charmian admires Judit Polgar and enjoys Gary Lane's book "Find the Checkmate." Charmian is keen on lots of sports, especially soccer and would like to become a soccer player. Charmian likes to listen to Ben Harper, her favourite book is "Goodnight Mr Tom" and she also enjoys camping.

Max Jones was taught to play chess at 5 by his Dad. A score of 7.5/11 in a tournament is his best achievement in chess. His top chess book is "Attacking the King" and he is a fan of Bobby Fischer. Max also likes rugby, listening to Coldplay and Queens of the Stoneage, reading the Earthsea Quartet and had a fantastic experience at

Movie World. Max wants to become a comedian!

Joshua Green learned chess from his Dad and from Mr Walsh at school when he was 8 and making the "A" team for his school is his most exciting chess achievement. He also likes playing online games on the computer, reading the Lemony Snicket series and listening to Pink. One day Joshua hopes to play rugby or soccer for Australia.



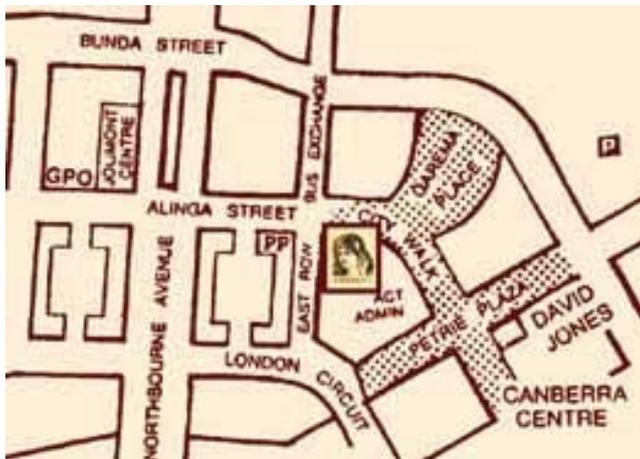
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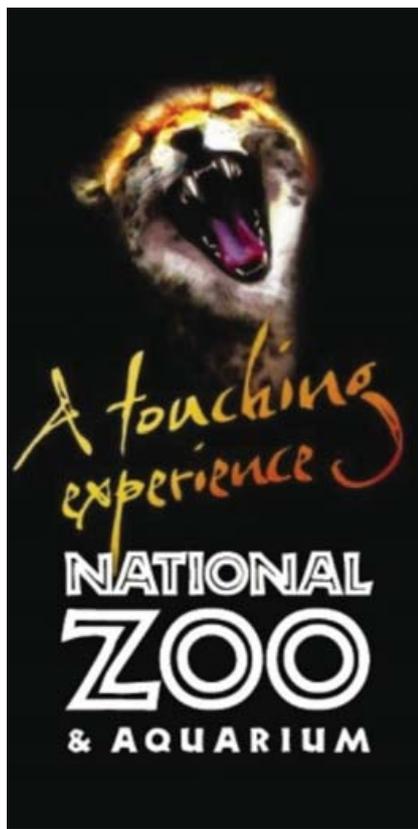
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Sat 21 October 06	Kings v West Sydney Razorbacks	7.40pm
Fri 3 November 06	Kings v Townsville Crocodiles	7.40pm
Sat 18 November 06	Kings v South Dragons	7.40pm
Thurs 23 November 06	Kings v Perth Wildcats	8.00pm Canberra
Sun 3 December 06	Kings v Cairns Taipans	5.00pm
Fri 8 December 06	Kings v Adelaide 36ers	7.40pm
Fri 15 December 06	Kings v Melbourne Tigers	8.00pm Canberra
Wed 27 December 06	Kings v Cairns Taipans	7.40pm
Mon 1 January 07	Kings v New Zealand Breakers	5.00pm
Sat 6 January 07	Kings v Wollongong Hawks	7.40pm
Sat 20 January 07	Kings v Adelaide 36ers	7.40pm
Sun 28 January 07	Kings v Melbourne Tigers	6.00pm
Sat 3 February 07	Kings v Wollongong Hawks	7.40pm Canberra
Sun 11 February 07	Kings v Singapore	6.00pm

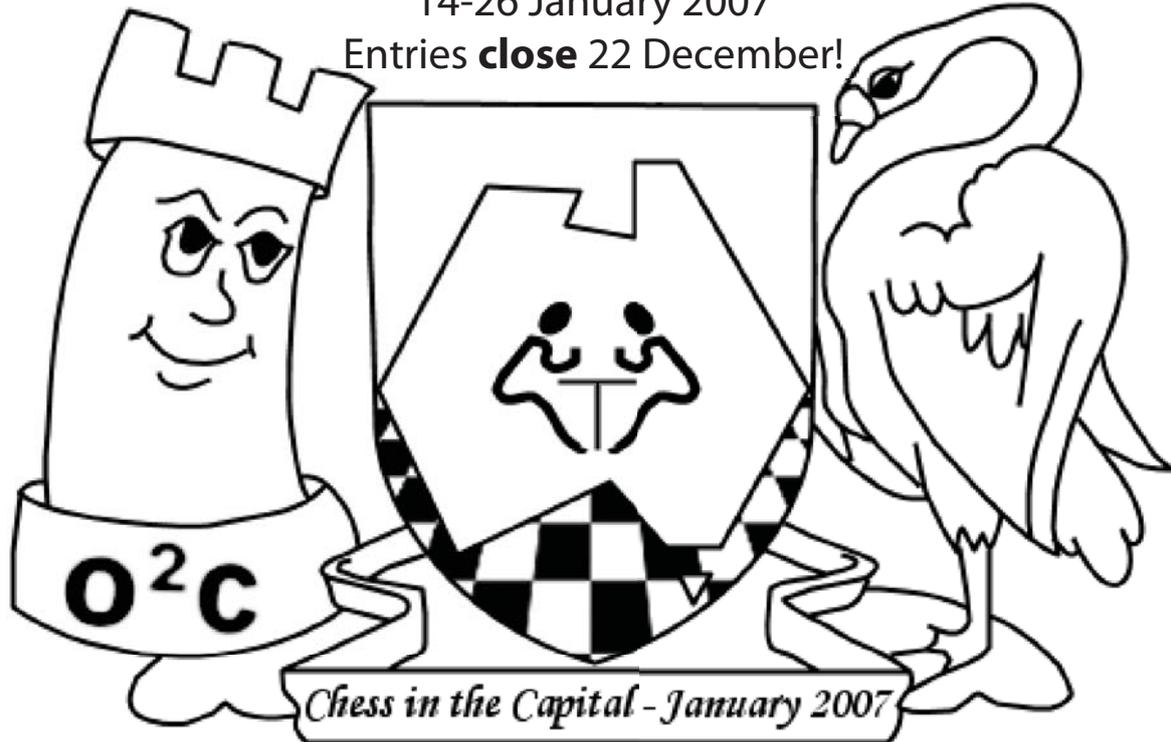


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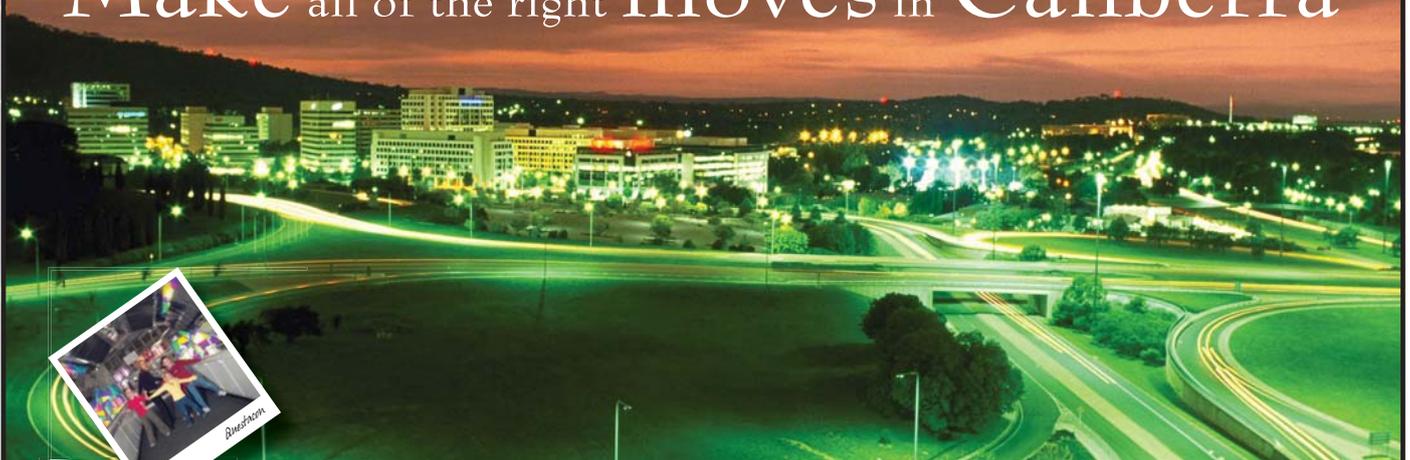
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