



FREE first lesson!
Beginners very welcome!



CHESS AFTER SCHOOL AT THE GARDINER CHESS CENTRE IN MUDGEERABA

We invite you to consider sending your child to our Chess Centre for after-school lessons in chess. The cost is very low (especially when compared with music, drama, swimming lessons, etc) at **only \$9.50 a two-hour session** if paid in advance, or \$12 as a casual, drop in anytime, attendance fee. This fee covers a half hour group lesson from 4 to 4.30pm, taught at a level suitable to the child's ability, then they participate in a series of games, finishing at 6.00pm. Mondays are reserved for a **Girls Only session** & also for advanced players in our **Junior Masters** series.

We provide a very **friendly, safe environment** where they can meet up with children from other schools. They can arrive anytime after school finishes and, if they have finished their day's food, they can buy healthy inexpensive snacks and drinks from our little café. We have lovely outdoor facilities for break times, where they can play table tennis, ball games or even chess with our giant set!

For a small fee our **chess bus** can collect children from local schools (every day from **Somerset College**, on Wednesdays and Thursdays from **Robina State School**, and from other schools by arrangement).

Consider the benefits that chess can give your child (*excerpted from a paper published in the USA*)

- Chess instils in young players a sense of self-confidence and self-worth;
- Chess dramatically improves a child's ability to think rationally;
- Chess increases cognitive skills;
- Chess improves children's communication skills and aptitude in recognizing patterns, therefore:
- Chess results in higher grades, especially in English and Math studies;
- Chess builds a sense of team spirit while emphasizing the ability of the individual;
- Chess teaches the value of hard work, concentration and commitment;
- Chess makes a child realize that he or she is responsible for his or her own actions and must accept their consequences;
- Chess teaches children to try their best to win, while accepting defeat with grace;
- Chess provides an intellectual, competitive forum through which children can assert hostility, i.e. "let off steam", in an acceptable way;
- Chess can become a child's most eagerly awaited school activity, dramatically improving attendance;
- Chess allows girls to compete with boys on a non-threatening, socially acceptable plane;
- Chess helps children make friends more easily because it provides an easy, safe forum for gathering and discussion;
- Chess allows students and teachers to view each other in a more sympathetic way;
- Chess, through competition, gives kids a palpable sign of their accomplishments, and finally;
- Chess provides children with a concrete, inexpensive and compelling way to rise above the deprivation and self-doubt which are so much a part of their lives (Palm, 1990, pp. 5-7).

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