

Croydon Chess Club – Junior Program 2018

Our Junior program is intended to cater for all levels of interest in chess, while allowing keen participants to progress smoothly in their skills.

The Junior Club (Beginners & Intermediate Juniors)

Venue: Swinburne University – Croydon Campus, Norton Rd, Croydon (please [see directions](#))

When: 6:30pm to 7:30pm each Thursday during school term.

Purpose: This is for children and young teenagers who are beginners, who just enjoy playing chess or are keen to learn more about the game. We try to foster a fun, learning environment which encourages children to make friends, learn the basics of chess and develop good thinking skills.

Program*: 20 min of group coaching followed by a tournament game. Use of chess clocks is encouraged at Intermediate level. Currently, 3 levels: Beginners, Junior B, Junior A.

Progress: Children who are reasonably new to tournament play should start in the Junior Club. Those who are more serious about their chess and keen to progress are then encouraged to move to our Youth Club which meets at the same time at the Croydon RSL.

The Youth Club (Teenagers & Competitive Juniors)

Venue: Croydon RSL, 1 Civic Square, Croydon (behind the EV Youth Centre on Mt Dandenong Rd)

When: 6:30pm to 7:30pm each Thursday during school term.

Purpose: This is for children and teenagers who are more serious about chess and are keen to participate in a more challenging program. Participants have normally graduated from our Junior Club or already have an Australian Chess Federation rating.

Program*: 20+ min of group coaching followed usually by a 15 min/player tournament game. Participants may also use chess workbooks to aid skill development.

Progress: Players in this program are encouraged to participate in senior club events through our Transition Program.

Transition Program

Venue: Croydon RSL, Civic Square, Croydon (behind the EV Youth Centre on Mt Dandenong Rd)

When: 7:30pm to 9:30pm each Thursday during school term in parallel with Senior Club events.

Purpose: This is for children and teenagers in our Youth group who wish to play more chess and are considering tournament play at a Junior State level or Senior level. Parents may also participate in these tournaments.

Program: Tournament play. One game per week, 30min+30s increment with unfinished games adjudicated at approx 9:20pm. Games must be recorded (the games are used for coaching purposes). Players will be internally Club Rated to provide some idea of their progress.

Proper tournament etiquette is required.

Progress: Players in this program are encouraged to play in State Junior events and also Senior events when they are ready. Keen participants are also encouraged to study at home by borrowing appropriate level books from our growing Chess Library.

***Chess Steps:** During 2018, we will be trialling the use of the [Chess Steps program](#). This is a structured program of chess instruction with workbooks used widely in Europe.

Enquiries: Please contact the Club Secretary: secretary@croydonchess.com