

2021 SCHOOL CHESS LEAGUE FINALS

There was an excellent turnout for the School Chess League Finals which were held on Monday 16th August at Perth Modern School. Nine Primary and nine Secondary Schools competed for the chance to represent Western Australia in the 2021 National School Finals. Both divisions were run as a team round robin format. Players were ranked in approximate playing strength and each school's board 1 played each other school's board 1, etc.

The Primary division developed into a three-horse race after five rounds with Oberthur leading Nedlands and Carmel by half a match point. After the completion of the 8 rounds Oberthur Primary School had established themselves as clear winners with 7.5 match points. Second was Nedlands Primary School on 6.5 and third was Carmel Primary School on 6. Fourth was Rosalie Primary School, fifth was Caladenia Primary School, sixth Mount Lawley Primary School, seventh was Saint Paul's Primary School, eighth was Midland Home School and ninth Lake Joondalup Baptist College
Congratulations to Oberthur Primary School, 2021 WA Primary Interschool Champions!!

The Secondary division was dominated by Perth Modern School who won all 8 matches. Wesley College and Trinity College contested the second and third places. By completion of the 8 rounds Wesley College had 6 match points and earned second place with Trinity College on 5 points (third). Fourth was Bob Hawke College, fifth was Fountain College, sixth Shenton College, seventh was Aquinas College, eighth was Balcatta Senior High School and ninth was Kingsway Christian College.
Congratulations to Perth Modern School, 2021 WA Secondary Interschool Champions!!

List of prize winners:

Primary School first place trophies: Oscar Gao, Angus Chen, Francis Lopez, Adam Chung (Oberthur Primary School)

Primary School second place trophies: Issa Majidi, Nithuli Liyanage Nizam Majidi, Olivia Hou (Nedlands Primary School)

Primary School third place trophies: Daniel Levin, Ezra Levine, Mia Cohen, Marcus van den Berg (Carmel Primary School)

Secondary School first place trophies: Jamie Laubbacher, Alex Pimenov Pranav Borude, Aarnav Gupta, Minh Nguyen (Perth Modern School)

Secondary School second place trophies: Shannon Koh, James McEvoy, Sean McGinty, Bentley Himler, James Savundra (Wesley College)

Secondary School third place trophies: Kundan Dharmapuri, Isaac Quadros, Anthony Milner, Xavier Audino (Trinity College)

Primary School Board 1 prize: Oscar Gao 7.5/8

Primary School Board 2 prize: Angus Chen 7.5/8

Primary School Board 3 prize: Mia Cohen 6/8

Primary School Board 4 prize: Olivia Hou 7/8

Secondary School Board 1 prize: Kundan Dharmapuri 7.5/8

Secondary School Board 2 prize: Alex Pimenov 7/7

Secondary School Board 3 prize: Pranav Borude 6/8

Secondary School Board 4 prize: Gautham Balamurugan 6/7

Tournament results can be accessed at: <https://www.schoolchess.info/finals/open-finals>

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