

Dark Horse Chess

Online Child Safety Information



DARK HORSE CHESS

Dark Horse Chess (DHC) are excited to offer online learning opportunities and take very seriously their role in ensuring the online safety of all students who participating in the online chess classes. All coaches teaching with DHC have a verified Working With Children Check, ensuring the safety of individuals in accordance with the Victorian Government's Child Safe Standards.

Online teaching at DHC utilises two main platforms: Zoom and Chesskid.

Zoom is an online platform used primarily for the purpose of audio communication. Students engage by enable their microphones, with optional use of the video function. Online classes are hosted and taught only by DHC coaches from a Premium Zoom Account. Classes are passcode protected and only intended participants are sent the link and details of the meeting. *NB: Upon request for further safety measures for students online, each lesson can be fully recorded and sent to the school for viewing purposes, being immediately deleted after the recording is sent.*

ChessKid.com is an online chess website used as a platform for teaching. Students can play virtual chess games with their classmates online, as well as engage in several other learning activities (e.g. completing chess puzzles). An online 'chess club' is created on ChessKid and administered by DHC coaches. These clubs are unique to each school, and only students from the particular schools have access to their specific club, ensuring privacy for any virtual chess tournaments and mini games between the students, teachers and coaches within the school.

Each student is provided with a 'kid account' with DHC coaches appointed as their 'guardians', ensuring transparency in students' activities online. The accounts are used by students to play chess games and complete various learning activities. The account name for each student indicates affiliation with DHC, as students have a custom username requiring only their first name (e.g. DHC_Ashley). However, if preferred by the school or student, the computer-generated name (e.g. LimeLazyDolphin) can be kept and students are able to remain anonymous. ChessKid does not require any personal information from any student, allowing each students' identity to be kept private (eg. full names, email addresses, profile pictures or school names are not required), and Chesskid.com account names do not appear in a Google search. Chesskid.com does not have a chat function and students are not able to communicate with other chesskid.com users, aside from the use of a small number of limited messages that can be sent to their chess opponent (e.g., "Good move!")

Should parents or school staff have any particular questions or concerns, they are encouraged to get in touch with us on 0447 557 047 or via email, admin@darkhorsechess.com

We hope that students and families enjoy engaging in our Online chess lessons!