

School takes chess challenge

BRIAGOLONG Primary School is one of the first schools in Australia to take part in a new virtual 'Chess Challenge' program which has attracted more than 100 schools nationally in its first term.

The Oz Schools Chess Challenge program has been imported by Australian chess guru David Cordover, who said the United Kingdom equivalent attracted more than 60,000 students a year.

With schools registered from Alice Springs in Northern Territory to Kyogle in New South Wales, the best part about the program is that it can be played online, opening up the opportunity to regional schools

without a big extracurricular budget.

The competition involves four stages, from the internal school competition to the 'Terafinal' involving schools from across Australia and is open to primary and secondary students.

At any stage of the competition, players have the option to compete via a live online game site against other players in their region, state or country.

can provide.

"It's a great option for regional and rural schools and students who want to engage in a national competition without the expense of transport," Mr Cordover said.

"It's allowing chess to reach regional and country areas in a way that was never before possible, connecting students to other schools around Australia and plugging them into a national competition with the click of a button."

Other interested schools can register up until the end of term two.

To find out more or to register visit: www.chesschallenge.com.au



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