During the holidays, 32 primary and secondary students from around the Riverina met at St Patrick’s for a one-day chess competition. Competing on the day were a number of accomplished and highly skilled chess players. However, the competition also enabled students who are new to competition chess the opportunity to participate in a friendly and supportive environment.

In the Under 16 division Dhruv Kapoor from Albury narrowly outpointed Titus Madden from Coleambally to win the senior division with the pair playing some very high level chess throughout the day.

In great news for St Patrick’s, Jon Taylor bounced back from two early defeats to take the Under 12 division followed closely by Prateek Prasad. A special mention to Joseph Nehme, who narrowly missed a top three place in the Under 12 division. They all played extremely well throughout the day.

The St Patrick’s students who competed on the day:

Jon Taylor, Prateek Prasad, Joseph Nehme, Mark Guib, Taine Moraschi, Pasquale Catanzariti, Victor Catanzariti and Joey Ferraro. All participants need to be congratulated for the sportsmanship and behaviour they displayed throughout the day. Thanks also to Noel Madden for Coleambally Central School who organised the competition draw.

The next chess competition students from St Patrick’s Chess club will participate in is the Griffith Primary Schools Chess One-Day competition. This will be held at the Father O’Dea Hall with a date in Term 2 to be confirmed. Peter Moraschi Chess Coordinator