

HeliganChess is a chess coaching initiative based in Devonport on Auckland's North Shore, and run by Dr Helen Milligan. Its main aim is to improve the chess understanding of students in the rating range 1000 to 1700, with a view to better tournament and Interschools results.

If you are keen to improve and enthusiastic about chess, then HeliganChess is for you!



Course Details: Novices will be guided to self-improvement by means of the internationally acclaimed Steps Method. More advanced students will benefit from lessons based on the series of books published by world-famous instructional author Artur Yusupov: *Chess Fundamentals* and *Beyond the Basics*.

Method: The emphasis during lessons will be on working with the coach, analysing positions on the chessboard, solving problems rather than memorising move sequences. Students will be encouraged to record their games and bring them for discussion. Suggestions for appropriate further reading will be made and relevant books will be available at discounted prices.



About the coach: Dr Helen Milligan is a licensed FIDE Instructor and International Arbiter, holding over-the-board CM and WFM titles. She has competed internationally for decades, initially for Scotland and recently for New Zealand. Her travels around the world have given her an appreciation of the value of chess in breaking down cultural and communication barriers, and her education (up to PhD level) an insight into the usefulness of chess as a complement to the basic school curriculum. She is co-author of the beginners' best-seller, *Chess for Children*.

Cost: Basic rate \$50 per lesson. The rate is per hour; two students may be taught together.

Extras: Students who have taken a minimum of 5 lessons will be able to sit tests for NZCF badges (Pawn, Knight, Bishop, Rook); badges and certificates will be awarded free if the required standard is reached.

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Lessons can be held at any time subject to the availability of the coach – she may be off playing in a tournament or working as an arbiter! Currently, all lessons are held online.

