

The Able Learners' Enrichment Program 2008
La Trobe University Bendigo

Thursday 27th March 2008

Please find enclosed the 2008 Program details for the Able Learners' Enrichment Program to be held at La Trobe University Bendigo. Copies are also available at:

www.latrobe.edu.au/giftedchildren

This Program is presented by the Faculty of Education, La Trobe University Bendigo, and supported by the Bendigo Network for Teaching Gifted.

You are invited to nominate your child/ren for inclusion in this program for gifted students. If you have any queries about any of the sessions, please contact the Program Coordinator.

Please note that class sizes are limited and so applications will be on a first-come first-served basis, although special consideration will be given to those who might especially benefit from this Program.

Students will need to bring their own morning tea and lunch. Sweeneys will be open during the day to enable you to purchase food.

The charge for the program is \$25 per student for one workshop, and \$40 per student for both a morning and afternoon workshop.

Applications close on Friday 7th March, and the successful students will be notified by mail at their home address, or by email.

Lynne Kelly will be giving a session for parents at approx 10am titled: *Practical enrichment - anywhere, anytime*. This will be in the Education Lecture Theatre at La Trobe, Bendigo.

Lynne has a Masters degree in gifted education, she was a teacher for 30 years and is the author of 14 books including 10 education books, specialising in gifted education, a novel and three popular science titles. Her next book is "Spiders: Learning to Love Them"

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Able Learner's Enrichment Program Workshops

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Morning: 10:00am to 12:30pm

Workshop for primary students aged 5 years to 7 years:

1. *FUNNY FACE – Design the funniest face you can.*

10.00am - 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenters: Tegan Parkinson, Laura Pentreath and Hayley Bolton, Fourth Year Bachelor of Education students, currently studying at La Trobe University, Bendigo

Do you love pulling silly faces? Well here's your chance to make the silliest face you can imagine. You will get to use items such as glitter, googlie eyes, sequins and wool to turn a balloon into the funniest face possible. See who can make the silliest face and have lots of laughs along the way.

Materials students need to bring: An old shirt to act as an art smock.

Workshop for primary students aged 7 years to 10 years:

2. *All aboard to Kid Nation*

10.00am - 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenters: Jackie White and Nicky White, Fourth Year Bachelor of Education students, currently studying at La Trobe University, Bendigo

You will get an airline ticket to Kid Nation, and board an aeroplane where the two pilots (Jackie and Nicky) send you on a mission to

a deserted island to create your own kid nation. Get together with new friends and use your imagination to design your very own kid nation.

Materials students need to bring: An old shirt to act as an art smock.

Workshops for primary students aged 8 years to 10 years:

3. *Save It!*

10.00am - 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenters: Taryn Smith and Hayden Polglase, Fourth Year Bachelor of Education students, currently studying at La Trobe University, Bendigo.

Come and learn how to save your parents money. Who knows... they may even spend the savings on you!

Have you ever wanted to know why your parents can't spend all their money on you? After this workshop, you'll be able to help your parents save heaps of money, then there'll be no excuse not to spend some of the savings on you!!!!

Materials students need to bring: Calculators, your truly amazing mathematical brain and your irrepressible imagination.

4. *Amazing Race*

10.00am - 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenters: Marion Barker and David Tie, Fourth Year Bachelor of Education students, currently studying at La Trobe University, Bendigo.

“RACE AROUND THE WORLD”

Are you competitive, creative and able to solve problems? Are you up for a challenge? If so, then this is the workshop for you!!!

Which of these locations have very hot climates? Do you know where these places are?

*Anchorage Timbuktu Montevideo
Havana Vladivostok*

Two teams will compete in a number of events involving problem solving, being creative, construction, code breaking, scavenger hunts and lots more.

To join this workshop you must enjoy working in teams to outsmart our opposition.

Materials students need to bring: pens, pencils and paper

Workshop for primary students aged 9 years to 11 years:

5. *The Great Spy Hunt*

10.00am - 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenters: Belinda Cowell and Daniel Stirton, Fourth Year Bachelor of Education students, currently studying at La Trobe University, Bendigo.

Will you accept the challenge?

As part of a small highly trained team of top mystery solvers you must take part in a series of devilishly tricky puzzles and challenges, using your well developed spy skills in order to collect vital clues and track down the dastardly spy, Baron Von Porker.

This extremely important challenge will require people who have good thinking skills, are creative and are looking to have some fun along the way!

So, do you have what it takes to participate in the Great Spy Hunt?

Materials students need to bring: Just bring your thinking cap and your competitive streak.

Workshop for primary students aged 10 years to 12 years:

6. *You're A Star!*

10.00am - 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenters: Merryn Smith and Fiona Turner, Fourth Year Bachelor of Education students, currently studying at La Trobe University, Bendigo.

Have you ever thought you could be on the big screen? Now you can! You can be both the director, and the star of the show. Create your own movie using your own photos and music to entertain or tell your story. Using the latest computer technology to manipulate and enhance images, you will create an award winner and be strolling the red carpet in no time.

You will take home a DVD of your finished work of art!

Afternoon: 1:30pm to 4:00pm

Workshops for primary students aged 5 years to 12 years:

Note: all afternoon workshops are open to all age groups, so please make sure to choose both first and second preferences as I may need to allocate places to balance the classes.

7. *That's Dancing*

1.30pm - 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenter: Emma Donaldson, Gifted and Talented Program Coordinator Girton Grammar School, Bendigo. Studied Dance and Drama Full Time at the Dance Factory in Melbourne before moving to Bendigo.

You've heard of the show "*So You Think You Can Dance*"...Now it is your turn to show you can!

Students will be involved in a workshop exploring varying modes and styles in dance, movement and technique. Participants will explore movement and engage in choreographic and rhythmic skills working in varying sized cooperative groups. Styles of Jazz and Tap will be focused in particular with the influence of styles from past to modern choreography and theatrical performances.

This workshop will finish with a performance at the end of the day before all in the student union.

Materials students need to bring: Appropriate Footwear – Jazz shoes/boots, Tap shoes or flexible soled enclosed shoes. Comfortable Dancewear – allowing for easy movement
Hair tied up, water bottle.

8. *Getting to know the animals in your backyard laboratory*

1.30am - 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenter: Lynne Kelly. Lynne has a Masters degree in gifted education, a teacher for 30 years and the author of 14 books including 10 education books, specialising in gifted education, a novel and three popular science titles. Her next book is "*Spiders: Learning to Love Them*"

In this workshop we will be exploring the life and death dramas being played out every minute of every day in your own backyard. Spiders, insects, ants and birds are interacting in life and death battles. As a recovered arachnophobe who overdid the cure, my particular passion is for spiders. There will be lots of photos, including plenty of spiders – up close and personal. Arachnophobes beware – you may leave this workshop loving spiders!

Materials students need to bring: Pencils and paper.

9. *Global warming and climatic changes: What we can do about it?*

1.30am - 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenter: Dr. Premnadh M Kurup, Lecturer in science education, LaTrobe University. Has serious research interest in education side of global warming.

This workshop covers the science behind global warming, impacts of global warming in climate change. You will do simple activities to show global warming and sea level rise, and discuss what actions we can take to reduce global warming and climatic changes.

Materials students need to bring: A note book, pen, pencils

10. Latin is lots of fun

1.30pm - 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Magister (teacher): Davidus Kennedius. (David Kennedy) Classics enthusiast and former Latin and Ancient History teacher at Bendigo Senior Secondary College.

You'll learn Latin numerals and names for many animals and birds, and you'll read a simple story in Latin about Julius Caesar and the pirates who once held him hostage.

Materials students need to bring: Bring Latin words you already know, your favourite pictures about ancient Rome, and paper and pens

11. Stop Motion Magic

1.30pm - 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Masters, Senior Lecturer in Innovative Education, La Trobe University Bendigo

Stop Motion Animation is the movie making process used to make objects look as if they have a life of their own. You probably know about SMA from movies such as “Chicken Run”. This workshop will teach you about the processes involved and you will get to build your own animation.

Materials students need to bring: A note book, pen, pencils

12. Intuition and creativity

1.30pm - 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenter: Simon O’Mallon, lecturer, La Trobe University. Simon is a Designer/Maker; Visual and performing Artist; Custom Made Footwear producer; and much more. Amongst his degrees he has specialized in the psychology & physiology of learning, and the creative process. He is a passionate Life-Long-Learning advocate

This is an experiential workshop.

During the session the participants will explore the background to creativity and intuition, discovering how these processes are constructed rather than just inbuilt.

We will use drawing, writing, and metaphoric story telling to enhance the outcomes.

Materials students need to bring: A note book, pen, pencils

Able Learners' Enrichment Program: Thursday 27th March 2008**Application forms to be received no later than Friday 7th March 2008****APPLICATION FORM****Name:** _____ M F **Postal address:** _____**Postcode:** _____**Telephone:** _____ **Age:** _____**Email address:** _____**School:** _____ **Location:** _____ **Year level:** _____

Please list your session preferences: (class sizes limited)

Morning:**Afternoon:**

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2. _____

Cost per Student: \$25 for one workshop/\$40 for two workshops**Enclosed cheque/money order for \$** **CONSENT FORM** (to be completed by parent/guardian)**Parent's/guardian's name:** _____Does your child have any ongoing medical condition? Yes No

If so, please specify: _____

Doctor's name: _____ Phone: _____

If medical assistance is needed for my child and I cannot be contacted, I agree to the Able Learners' Enrichment Program staff taking whatever steps they deem necessary.

Parent's/guardian's signature: _____ **Date:** _____Return to: Pam Lyons,
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