



The Able Learners Enrichment Program 2006
La Trobe University Bendigo
Sunday 24th September 2006

Please find enclosed the 2006 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 School of Education, La Trobe University Bendigo with funding from the Telstra Community Development Fund and the Bendigo Gifted Education Teachers Network.

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.

Applications close on Friday 8th September, and the successful students will be notified by mail at their home address.

Workshop cost:

Sunday 24th - Maria Forde: Cost for this workshop is \$50. If your child would like to attend but there are financial constraints please contact the coordinator.

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Able Learners' Enrichment Program Workshop

Sunday 24th September – Inner Moment with Maria Forde

Workshops for students aged 8 years to 11 years:

As well as their intellectual needs gifted students also have emotional and spiritual depths that are different to their age peers. As a new aspect of our program I have asked Maria Forde to run a workshop to allow the students to have an experience that is different to the academic program. Maria has traveled extensively throughout Australia with her program, sharing her music whilst inviting participants to explore their 'story', to listen to their 'inner spirit' and to become 'present' to the moment. (<http://www.mariaforde.com/>)

The "Inner Moment Program" allows a student:

- ❖ To explore their story
- ❖ To listen to their inner spirit
- ❖ To experience the power of being in the 'moment'
- ❖ To be inspired

Maria ran this workshop as part of the June able learners' program and I participated as well. I was extremely impressed by her sensitivity and understanding of these gifted students. She set up a supportive environment from the beginning and the students were secure enough to express their thoughts and feelings. This was such an excellent workshop that I have asked Maria back to run one for a younger group.

This workshop will be the same as the June one and early next year I will be inviting students who have participated in this one or June's to return and participate in the follow up workshop that Maria runs.

This workshop will run from **10am to 2pm** for students aged **8 to 11 yrs**, and places are limited.

Cost per student for this workshop: \$50

Pam Lyons, Coordinator, Able Learners Enrichment Program,

Able Learners' Enrichment Program: Sunday 24th September 2006**Application forms to be received no later than Friday 8th September 2006****APPLICATION FORM****Name:** _____ M F **Postal address:** __________ **Postcode:** _____**Telephone:** _____ **Age:** _____**Email address:** _____**School:** _____ **Location:** _____ **Year level:** _____**The "Inner Moment Program" with Maria Forde** Cheque/money order for \$50 enclosed (payable to La Trobe University)
CONSENT FORM (to be completed by parent/guardian)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:** _____**Parent's/guardian's name:** _____Return to: Pam Lyons,
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