



**The Able Learners' Enrichment Program 2006**  
**La Trobe University Bendigo**  
**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> 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](http://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.

On Monday morning, there will be a free seminar for parents on *The Challenges and The Rewards of Parenting Gifted Children* by Dr Michael Faulkner, lecturer in gifted education at La Trobe University and a practicing psychologist. In the afternoon there will be a chance to chat over tea and coffee.

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

**Workshop cost:**

**Monday 25<sup>th</sup> – academic workshops** : cost per student: \$20 for the first workshop, \$15 for the second; or \$35 for a full day workshop. For families with more than two children attending, a \$5 discount applies for the third and subsequent child(ren). HCC holders – half price – please enclose a photocopy of your HCC.

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# Able Learners' Enrichment Program Workshops

Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006

## Morning workshops:

### 1. *Senses - for students 5 to 7 years*

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** Roslyn Lanyon. Lives on farm in northern Victoria not far from Boort. A primary teacher for 12 years, she is currently on leave raising four children.

What do things really sound like? Can you identify an object by just feeling it? Investigate a number of puzzles in this workshop using just a single sense at a time.

You can learn about our world by just using your senses. Experience a variety of things through your senses – Touch, Smell, Sight, Hearing and Taste.

**Materials students need to bring:** pencils/pens and textas/crayons and paper

### 2. *Latin is lots of fun – for students 5 to 8 years*

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** David Kennedy

Learn to speak a little bit of Latin, the language of the ancient Romans. You'll learn Latin words for many animals and birds. Bring along any Latin words you already know, or some Harry Potter

Latin spells, or your favourite pictures about ancient Rome.

**Materials students need to bring:** pencils/pens and paper

### 3. *Golden Dragon Museum - for students aged 6 to 10 years*

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: Golden Dragon Museum

Explore the rich tradition of Chinese culture at the Golden Dragon Museum with a personal guided exploration of the magnificent collection of artifacts and stories and a tour through the beautiful gardens to the Chinese Temple.

This workshop includes learning to paint your own fan with traditional Chinese Calligraphy and a light lunch served at 12 noon.

**Presented by:** The Bendigo Chinese Association

**Materials students need to bring:** nil

### 4. *Water and Science - for students aged 7 to 10 years*

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** Professor Vaughan Prain, Head of the School of Education, La Trobe University, Bendigo

In this workshop students will investigate the changes of state that water undergoes under different conditions.

**Materials students need to bring:**  
pens/pencils and paper

### **5. *African Safari - for students aged 8 to 10***

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenters :** Peter Matsemane & Rachelle Goodwin

African tales, dance, painting, and heaps more! Learn about African traditions as well as how to dance African style! You will be immersed in African experience through music and dance, people and art, and learning about African animals. Peter brings his own first hand experience, and he will share with you exciting African stories, both myth and real. Search the internet with us for some amazing facts about an amazing continent. Also you will learn about African dancing performed by Peter and his friends, then learn a few moves yourself, as well as participating in some traditional craft making and painting. Lots of fun!

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

### **6. *Buddhism, The Four Noble Truths and enjoying a happier life – for students 10 to 12 years***

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** Dr Al Gabay, Senior Lecturer in History and Religious Studies, La Trobe University, Bendigo

This workshop will explore the relevance of the Buddha's teachings on the Four Noble Truths to the lives of children and young persons. We will discuss the fact of 'unsatisfactoriness' in our everyday lives, its origins, and what the insights of Buddhism have to reveal to us about the means of making life more meaningful, by considering how not only other people, but all living beings, as part of one family.

**Materials students need to bring:**  
pencils/pens and paper

### **7. *Exploring Bendigo's Goldfields - for students aged 10 to 12 years***

10:00am – 12:30pm Venue: Central Deborah Gold Mine, 76 Violet St, Bendigo

**Presenter:** Alan Boddy

Students will be given a tour of Central Deborah Gold Mine, explore the Interpretive Centre and try out gold panning. Students will contrast gold mining techniques with today's methods. Students will view a DVD of Bendigo Mining and other visual material. There will be an opportunity to learn about the Red Ribbon Rebellion and the Bendigo Petition. Students will discuss why Bendigo's miners chose peaceful protest against the license fees, rather than revolt like at Eureka!

**Materials students need to bring:**  
pencils/pens & paper

## Afternoon workshops:

### 8. *Exploring Bendigo's Goldfields - for students aged 8 to 10 years*

1:00pm – 4:00pm                      Venue:  
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**Materials students need to bring:**  
pencils/pens & paper

### 9. *'Buddhism, The Four Noble Truths and enjoying a happier life' - for students aged 8 to 10 years*

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University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

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have to reveal to us about the means of making life more meaningful, by considering how not only other people, but all living beings, as part of one family.

**Materials students need to bring:**  
pencils/pens & paper

### 10. *Latin is lots of fun - for students 9 to 11 years*

1.30pm – 4.00pm                      Venue: La Trobe  
University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** David Kennedy

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. Bring your favourite pictures about ancient Rome Bring pencils and paper.

**Materials students need to bring:**  
pencils/pens, and paper

### 11. *Monster Pet Company - for students aged 8 to 10 years*

1.30pm – 4.00pm                      Venue: La Trobe  
University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** Roslyn Lanyon. Lives on farm in northern Victoria not far from Boort. A primary teacher for 12 years, she is currently on leave raising four children

Do you have what it takes to own a Monster? The Monster Pet Company is currently overstocked. We need

imaginative and creative owners for these loveable monsters. Meet, create (using a variety of mediums), care for and train your own pet monster. Introduce your pet to the rest of the group. Delve into your imagination and meet the monster pet of your mind's eye.

**Materials students need to bring:** Imagination, creativity and a sense of fun and adventure. Pencils/pens, textas and paper.

### ***12. Crime Busters! - for students aged 10 to 12 years***

1.30pm – 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter: Geraldine Worm**

**Attention: Crime Busters**

POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO NOT CROSS POLICE LINE - DO

At approximately 7:00am this morning, Miss Apple, a Grade 5 teacher, thought that

something was fishy as she walked down the hall and noticed her door was open. She walked into the room and immediately discovered that her small aquarium had been broken and her prized goldfish was missing!

Miss Apple has identified six possible suspects: Jack the Jock, Ned the Nerd, Sally the Sweet Schoolgirl, Mr. Spark the science teacher, Miss Pickle the lunch lady and Mr. Green the gardener.

It will be your job to locate the clues in the crime scene and match the clues to the right criminal. There are several diary entries hidden around the crime scene, if you are lucky to find one, crack the code and it will give you helpful information about one of the suspects!

Good Luck Crime Busters, this job can only be done by the best!

**Materials students need to bring:** A notepad (or paper) and pens/pencils

## **All day Workshops**

### ***13. Drawing skills - for students aged 8 to 11 years***

10.00am – 3.00pm Venue: Bendigo Art Gallery, 42 View Street, Bendigo

*There will be a lunch-break from 12.30-1.30 during which supervision of the students will be the responsibility of parents.*

**Presenter:** Margot Feast, Education Officer, Bendigo Art Gallery

Are you a keen artist looking to expand on your drawing skills? This program offers participants the skills and

techniques of observational drawing using the artworks from the collection of the Bendigo Art Gallery. Skills and techniques covered include tonal observational drawings, proportional drawing skills, use of viewfinders and perspective.

**Materials students need to bring:** nil

### ***14. "Let's Face It" - Portrait Drawing - for students aged 11 to 15 years***

10.00am – 3.00pm Venue: Bendigo Art Gallery, 42 View Street, Bendigo

*There will be a lunch-break from 12.30-1.30 during which supervision of the students will be the responsibility of parents.*

**Presenter:** Helen Attrill, Education Officer, Bendigo Art Gallery

Students will be lead through a full day workshop using gallery artworks for artistic inspiration in producing their own portrait projects. Explore areas of proportion, tone, negative space, gesture and a range of media to produce your own portraits. After working from gallery works, you will be able to choose either to continue to work from gallery paintings or sculptures or to produce a self-portrait.

**Skill level required for participating students:** Strong interest in realistic drawing required

**Materials students need to bring:** If wishing to produce a self - portrait, students must bring a large photograph of their face, or a good-sized mirror.

### ***15. Ancient Music - for students aged 7 to 15 years***

10.00am – 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** Robert Bond (B.A.)

Original music, straight from the source of life.

Musical instruments dated from (about) 48,000 years B.C.E. and on. Body kinetic music and more. An interactive, fast moving, hands-on experience into a world of musical expression which is rarely explored,

but which is formative of all which will follow in musical development.

Referenced from Arkadian, /Sumerian, Assyrian and Egyptian text, glyph and artifacts: Biblical, Classic Greek and Latin writings – into the third century to the common era.

Definitely not formal or conventional.

**Materials students need to bring:** pencils/pens, paper,

### ***16. Ceramics - for students aged 9 to 15 years***

10.00am – 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Presenter:** Tony Conway Head of Ceramics Discipline School of Visual Arts & Design La Trobe University

**MORNING SESSION:** This session is designed to develop an understanding of 3D form through the production of a number of handbuilt clay works. How you respond to the actual feel of the material, clay, is the basis of all ceramic work. To develop this foundation, the claywork will be directed by a theme: 'Man' and his/her Environment. You will be shown a forming process that you can use to develop your concept based on this theme.

**AFTERNOON SESSION:** This session will encourage you to extend your concept to the surface of the forms you have created in the morning session. A number of decorative processes will be demonstrated at the beginning of the session. These can then be applied to the individual forms you have built.

**Materials students need to bring:** As wet clay can be easily spread, some protective

clothing is desirable: a smock, apron or old clothes should be worn.

**17. *So you're interested in rocks? (Part 1) - for students 9 to 12 years***

**Presenter:** Don Cherry, geologist

10.00am – 12.30pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Basically an introduction to geology (morning)**

1. Introduction to earth science – its role in society, use of minerals/ resources, hazards, understanding how our planet works.
2. Practical session - a) common rocks  
b) common minerals  
c) a few fossils  
(Maybe a walk around the Uni grounds)

3. Identify rocks/minerals/fossils that the students bring along
4. wrap up

**Every rock tells a story (Part 2) (afternoon)**

1.30pm – 4.00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo. Edwards Rd Campus

**Exploring geology**

1. Follow up on morning session to earth science - interpreting rocks and understanding our planet.
2. Practical session - a) common rocks  
b) common minerals  
c) a few fossils
3. (Maybe a walk around the Uni grounds)
4. wrap up

**Materials students need to bring:**

Rock/mineral/fossil samples for identification; Pencil and paper/notebook; Hand lens/magnifying glass

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**Able Students Enrichment Program: Monday 25<sup>th</sup> September 2006****Application forms to be received no later than Friday 8<sup>th</sup> September 2006****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/All Day****Afternoon**

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**Enclosed cheque/money order (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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