



**The Able Learners' Enrichment Program 2011
La Trobe University Bendigo**

Wednesday 28th September 2011

Applications close on Friday 9th September

To: Parents/Carers

Please find enclosed the 2011 Program details for the Able Learners' Enrichment Program to be held at La Trobe University Bendigo. Copies will also be available at: www.latrobe.edu.au/giftedchildren

This Program is presented by the Faculty of Education, La Trobe University Bendigo.

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/afternoon tea and lunch. They will be able to purchase food in the student union during the day.

The charge for the program is \$25 per student for one workshop only, \$45 per student for both a morning and afternoon workshop, or either of the all day workshops.

Applications close on **Friday 9th September**, and the successful students will be notified by email, or by mail at their home address,

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Able Learner's Enrichment Program Workshops

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All Day Workshops: 10:00am – 4:00pm

1. Song Writing – for students aged 8 yrs to 14 yrs

10.00am – 4:00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

Presenter: Janette Geri –“eclectic, sensual, original, she is truly one of Australia's finest singers, a serious guitar player, and an acclaimed songwriter”.

Janette has recently returned from her second tour of the UK. You can see videos of her radio interview in the highlands of Scotland and performances in the UK on her myspace page: www.myspace.com/janettegeri

Whether you are already writing songs or if you would like to, here is an opportunity to explore and develop the art of song writing.

We will explore the creative process and look at the practical bits of writing songs, along with strategies to help with things like “writer’s block”, and help you to find new insights and ideas.

You will have the opportunity to perform your songs at the end of the day.

Materials students need to bring: pens/pencils and paper, songs you have written or are in the process of writing, and your musical instrument(s) if you play.

Morning Workshops: 10.00am – 12:30pm

2. “Investigation/brain storming” on the Big Issues – for students 5 – 7/8

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

Presenter: Jim Migdoll, Currently volunteering at the Maldon pre-school with 4 yr. olds.

The meaning of life ... God or no god ... life after death ... what are the similarities/common threads amongst the World Religions. A Socratic approach to simply posing the questions, then pushing the boundaries and expanding possibilities. A loosely structured presentation/discussion

so that the children themselves lead us into areas they feel most strongly about.

3. Stories that stops planes and trains, writing that sinks ships and step mothers, alchemy with words, creating people, universes and chai tea etc etc – for students 8/9yrs – 12yrs

Presenter: Bernie Monagle YA/ JF Author and Official Story Squiffer for the crown heads of Opothokie.

Fast paced story sharing, ritual spification, storyboarding without safety helmet plus trips to the moon if time allows via rocket novel writing.

4. *Numbers and Logic - for students aged 8/9yrs to 12yrs*

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

Presenter: Leonie Paatsch is a secondary teacher specialising in mathematics and librarianship. Becoming a parent to able learners launched her into the wonderful world of GAT education, and she is currently developing her skills in this area at her childrens' primary school in Geelong.

She believes mathematics to be the best subject in the world.

Do you enjoy Sudoku? Well there are many more kinds of Japanese number and logic puzzles that are even more fun, and just as addictive! Discover how seemingly simple questions can perplex, and discover and share strategies with new friends to become super solvers.

Materials students need to bring: pencil case and paper

Afternoon Workshops: 1:30am – 4:00pm

5. *Mathematics and art - for students aged 5 yrs to 8 yrs*

1.30pm – 4:00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

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Mathematics and art share a rich history that extends back thousands of years. In this session, participants will explore the shapes in art and everyday life that surround us, and then explore how they can use shapes to create their own masterpiece!

Materials students need to bring: paper and pens

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Skill level required for participating students: Listening, telling tales, drawing stick figures, maybe writing a bit

Materials students need to bring: paper and pens

7. *Ancient Latin for kids- for students aged 7/8 yrs to 12 yrs*

1.30pm – 4:00pm Venue: La Trobe University Bendigo, Edwards Rd Campus

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

and

Meg McPherson, Primary Latin Teacher at Christ Church Grammar in South Yarra.

Learn a little about how to talk to other kids in the language of the ancient Romans. You'll see how lots of Latin words still live on in the "English" words you speak today.

You'll also read some simple stories in Latin about gladiators, chariot races and about when Julius Caesar was captured by pirates.

Materials students need to bring: Bring Latin words you already know, your favourite

pictures about ancient Rome, and paper and pens

8. *"Investigation/brain storming" on the Big Issues – for students 7/8yrs – 12yrs*

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Application forms to be received no later than **Friday 9th September 2011**

APPLICATION FORM

Name: _____ M F

Postal address: _____

Postcode: _____

Telephone: _____

Age: _____

Email address: _____

School: _____ Suburb/Town: _____ Year level: _____

Please list your session preferences: (class sizes limited)

Morning:

Afternoon:

1. _____

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2. _____

2. _____

Cost per Student: \$25 for one workshop/\$45 for two workshops or all day workshop

Enclosed cheque/money order for \$

Please make cheques/money orders out to "La Trobe University"

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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