Some of the activities and resources listed within are specifically developed for use with gifted and talented students, whereas others would be suitable for use with a wide range of students.

We encourage investigation of each listing that interests you in order to determine its quality and suitability for your particular purposes. Resources included in this book have not been evaluated by the Department of Education, Science and Training, The University of New South Wales or the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC), and inclusion in this book should not be seen as an endorsement of the resource.
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### AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY TALENT SEARCH (APTS) & AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOL EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH (ASSETS) RESIDENTIAL PROGRAMS

**Nature of Activity**
High scoring participants in the Australian Talent Searches (see Competitions section) are invited to attend separate week-long residential programs around Australia. Students participate in intensive workshops and opportunities for leadership, social development and career insight.

**Cost**
Various

**Age Groups**
- APTS – Years 4-6
- ASSETS – Years 7-9

**Contacts**
Coordinator, Talent Search Programs
Gifted Education Research, Resource & Information Centre (GERRIC)
Phone: (02) 9385 1948
Web: [http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au](http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au)

### AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS TRUST

**Nature of Activity**
The Mathematics Challenge for Young Australians targets the top 10 per cent of primary students in Years 5 and 6, and secondary students in Years 7 to 10. Although it is directed at all students in this category, it may be particularly useful in schools where teachers may be working in isolation and have a handful of talented students spread out over a number of classes.

**Age Groups**
- The Newton Enrichment Series Yr 5-6
- The Dirichlet Enrichment Series Yr 6 -7
- The Euler Enrichment Series Yr 8 or talented Yr 7
- The Gauss Enrichment Series Yr 9 or completed The Euler Enrichment Series
- The Noether Enrichment Series students in top 5 - 10% of Yr 9 who have completed Gauss Enrichment
- The Polya Enrichment Series students in top 5 - 10% Yr 10 and outstanding students in lower years.

**Contacts**
In WA contact Dr Nathan (Norm) Hoffman
Email: nhoffman@iinet.net.au

### AUSTRALIAN THEATRE FOR YOUNG PEOPLE

**Nature of Activity**
*atyp* offers one of the world’s largest theatre workshop programs for young people, creates outstanding productions and mounts groundbreaking national and international productions. Each year, over 5000 young people aged between 3 and 26 participate in programs designed and led by over 200 professional artists.

- By facilitating programs that foster excellence in the performing arts in geographical areas where no programs of this nature currently exist.
- By building audiences in regional areas for projects either created in the region itself by local young people, or for productions performed by young people touring to the region.

Workshop programs also regularly run in city areas. Please see website.

**Cost**
Workshops fees vary.

**Age Groups**
K- 26 years

**Contacts**
Australian Theatre for Young People
Timothy Jones
Phone: (02) 9251 3900

### CAREER DEVELOPMENT DAY

**Nature of Activity**
Involves a range of seminars over a single day presented by experts in various fields with the aim of providing a broad program for gifted students. This program allows students to explore career options that may harness their...
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<td>GERRIC offers a range of two-day programs for gifted school students of all ages during the Winter and Summer school holidays. These programs not only provide engaging extensions to school work in a range of fields, but also a much needed opportunity for gifted children to socialise with peers of similar abilities and interests. Workshop content is designed and presented by teachers qualified in gifted education. Level of difficulty is aimed two years above the school age of the children, thus providing a rigorous and challenging program for gifted students.</td>
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<td>Poppyseeds $110, Small Poppies $110, Junior Scientia $154, Scientia $231, Scientia Residential $374</td>
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| Age Groups | Poppyseeds - Kindergarten or about to enter Kindergarten  
Small Poppies - Years 1 and 2  
Junior Scientia Challenge Program - Years 3 - 6  
Scientia Challenge Program - Years 7-10. The Scientia program features a range of workshops from a number of academic disciplines taught over two days. The courses are developed and presented by academics of the University of New South Wales, who are considered leaders in their fields. The courses are not vocational in nature, rather, they are designed to stimulate the interests of gifted students. The level of difficulty in the courses is aimed at Years 11 and 12, thus |
providing a rigorous and challenging program for gifted students. The program also provides the opportunity for gifted students to socialise with students of similar abilities and interests. Students may also participate in the Residential program, involving a supervised stay at a University College with other gifted students for the duration of the Scientia program. All meals are provided and activities (some of which may involve a small cost) are organised for each evening.

Contact  
GERRIC at The University of New South Wales  
Phone: (02) 9385 1972  
Toll free: 1800 626 824  
Web: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au

**INTERNATIONAL SCIENCE SCHOOL**

**Nature of Activity**  
The two-week Science School will include lectures by internationally respected scientists, along with tours, experiments and social events. The topics discussed in the lectures will cover the range of scales from the smallest - the building blocks of matter - through the evolution of the Earth, astrobiology and on to the very largest - the structure and evolution of the Universe.

**Cost**  
All scholars are competitively selected at State level, and attendance is by scholarship only. The scholarships are valued at approximately $2,000.

**Age Group**  
Secondary

**Contacts**  
Executive Officer Science Foundation for Physics  
Faculty of Science (F07)  
UNIVERSITY OF SYDNEY NSW 2006  
Phone: (02) 9351 3622  
Fax: (02) 9351 7726  
Email: scifound@physics.usyd.edu.au  
Web: http://www.scienceschool.usyd.edu.au

**MACQUARIE BANK FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING PROGRAM**

**Nature of Activity**  
A year-long program in creative and analytical thinking that focuses on developing skills in positive problem solving. The Program challenges students to apply information they have acquired through their research to issues facing society.

**Cost**  
Approximately $130

**Age Groups**  
P - Year 12

**Contact**  
Web: http://www.deakin.edu.au/fps/

**NATIONAL MATHEMATICS SUMMER SCHOOL (NMSS)**

**Nature of Activity**  
A two-week residential school held each year at the Australian National University. It is a wonderful opportunity for selected students to mix with a talented group of around eighty students from all states and territories who have just completed Year 11 or 12. Professor Terry Gagen, from the University of Sydney, is the director of the summer school, and leads a small but enthusiastic and dedicated staff of lecturers and tutors who provide an outstanding mathematical experience for the students who are lucky enough to attend. It is a wonderful experience for all who take part - both staff and students.

**Cost**  
Approximately $1000, with consideration for financial hardship.

**Age Group**  
Students significantly above Year 11 / 12 cohort, at Director’s discretion.

**Contact**  

**ROTARY NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM**

**Nature of activity**  
Two week selective residential program in ACT, held during the January school holidays.

**Age Groups**  
Year 11

**Contact**  
Web: http://www.nysf.edu.au/
## SEIMENS SCIENCE EXPERIENCE

**Nature of Activity**
A fun three days of hands-on science activities in university laboratories and lecture theatres for Year 9 students. Billeted accommodation can be arranged for country participants.

**Cost**
Registration available on line or through schools

**Age Groups**
Year 9 students

**Contacts**
National Director: Jim Sonnemann  
Phone: (03) 9721 2268  
Email: jim.sonnemann.ext@siemens.com  
Web: http://www.scienceexperience.com.au

## SPECIAL FOREVER ENVIRONMENTAL COMMUNICATION PROJECT

**Nature of Activity**
This project provides students with the opportunity to learn about the environments that make up the unique and important million square kilometres of Australia known as the Murray-Darling Basin Catchment.

**Cost**
Free

**Age Groups**
Middle Years

**Contacts**
Special Forever Coordinator, Primary English Teaching Association  
PO Box 3106  
MARRICKVILLE NSW 2204  
Phone: (02) 9565 1277  
Fax: (02) 9565 1070  
Email: andrew@peta.edu.au  
Web: http://www.specialforever.org.au  
Pam Davis  
Special Forever Project Officer  
28 Miller Street  
TONGALA VIC 3621  
Phone/fax: (03) 5859 1481  
Email: pamdavis@peta.edu.au

## STUDENT RESEARCH SCHEME

**Nature of Activity**
A national program allowing selected senior secondary students to participate in small-scale research projects under the supervision of practising scientists. The students perform actual research while involved in the scheme. Scientists come from many institutions. They provide background reading material and supervision as the student undertakes the project - either a small stand-alone project or part of a larger one. Projects take a minimum of 20 hours to complete.

**Cost**
Free

**Age Groups**
Year 11 & 12 students

**Contacts**
CSIRO Student Research Scheme  
P.O. Box 218  
LINDFIELD NSW 2070  
Phone: (02) 9413 7532  
Fax: (02) 9413 7404  
Email: Richard.Shorten@csiro.au  
Web: http://www.csiro.au/sydcsirosec

## TalentEd

**Nature of Activity**
The TalentEd Enrichment Program (TEEP) is a computer mediated collaborative learning environment for young learners. TEEP aims to provide Internet based learning situations that encourage collaboration and investigation in problem solving situations where children are encouraged to participate and interact through self-directed research. All course notes are provided online and communication with course leaders is by email and electronic forums.

**Cost**
Single enrolment $187 per course
All prices including GST
Group enrolment (conditions apply) ...... $165 plus $22 per student (e.g. group of 3 students $231). Group size up to 4 students depending on the course. Some courses are suitable for pairs or single enrolments only. Multiple individual enrolments from one school or family in different courses or the same course using the one email address may be eligible for a negotiated discounted course fee.

Age Groups All school ages
Contacts Dr Peter Merrootsy
Editor, TalentEd, Lecturer in Gifted and Talented Education
School of Education, University of New England
ARMIDALE NSW 2351
Phone: (02) 6773 3832
Fax: (02) 6773 5078
Email: pmerroots@pobox.une.edu.au

Talent Education Programs
Phone: (02) 6773 3109
Fax: (02) 6773 5078

THE JASON PROJECT
Nature of Activity The Jason Project engages students and teachers in an online exciting journey. Each year has a different theme. 2005 examines “Disappearing Wetlands” and 2006 will look at “Mysteries of Earth and Mars” for all States other than South Australia.
Cost Curriculum Packs $220
Age Groups Years 5 - 9
Contact Web: http://australia.jason.org/jasonxvi/
Email: aaron@gatewayseducation.com.au
S.A. Email: bbowden@wbeachps.sa.edu.au

THE SCIENCE CHALLENGE
Nature of Activity A nationwide program
Age Group Final years of high school
Contact Dr Annie-Marie Forbes
Email: a.forbes@utas.edu.au
Web: http://www.utas.edu.au/music/(pretertiary)

NEW SOUTH WALES
ACADEMIC CHALLENGE PROGRAM
Nature of Activity An enrichment program running one day a week in Terms 2 & 3 in Bathurst District Schools. Students are nominated by schools and come to a central setting for activities focused on independent research, personal development and higher order thinking and learning skills. Research skills include action research, experimental research and use of information technology for investigating and publishing.
Cost Free
Age Groups Students in Years 5 & 6 in government primary schools
Contacts Bathurst District Office
George St
BATHURST 2795 NSW
Phone: (02) 6334 8200
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| **Contacts** | Linda Tillman  
Program Coordinator  
Enrichment Studies Weekend for Talented Children  
Community Education  
Charles Sturt University  
Telephone: (02) 6933 2064  
Facsimile: (02) 6933 2882  
Email: ltillman@csu.edu.au  

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| **Contacts** | Board of Studies NSW  
GPO Box 5300  
SYDNEY NSW 2001  
Phone: (02) 9367 8111  
Fax: (02) 9367 8484  
Web: http://www.boardofstudies.nsw.edu.au |

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their families. Learn to nurture, encourage and support your child with UWS holiday programs, short course and weekend retreats.

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<th>Age Groups</th>
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| Contacts       | University of Western Sydney  
                Locked Bag 1797  
                PENRITH SOUTH DC NSW 1797  
                Phone: (02) 9852 5222  
                Fax: (02) 9852 5960  
                Email: ovc.wwwmgr@uws.edu.au |

**GIFTED & TALENTED VACATION SCHOOL**

**Nature of Activity**  
Run annually by the School of Education, in conjunction with NSW Department of Education and Training, Catholic Schools Office Diocese of Maitland-Newcastle, Hunter Region Independent Schools and NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children, this vacation school offers workshops on a variety of topics and provides the opportunity for students to participate in extension/enrichment activities to further develop their special interests, gifts and talents. The program is designed within a hands-on workshop situation. Children will work with one or two workshop leaders in a single workshop for a two-day period. The workshop leaders are school teachers, university staff or experts in their chosen field. All have a special interest in gifted and talented education.

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| Contacts       | University of Newcastle  
                Alison Russell  
                Phone: (02) 4921 6226  
                Email: gifted-talented@newcastle.edu.au |

**INSIGHT INTO BIODIVERSITY**

**Nature of Activity**  
Held at the Australian Museum, “Insight” is a new program, which will address biodiversity in Australian terrestrial environments. Students will participate in lectures, workshops and forums, and will have an opportunity to meet other budding scientists from around NSW.

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<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Phone: (02) 9320 6225.</td>
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**MUSEUM IN A BOX®**

**Nature of Activity**  
This outreach program is for schools and other education groups in New South Wales. Box topics include Australian animals, people and culture, dinosaurs and ecosystems.

**Cost**  
Individual boxes are available for loan with a charge to cover freight: $66 (incl. GST) per box currently applies to New South Wales Regional and DSP schools. $110 (incl. GST) per box currently applies to Sydney Metropolitan schools.

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| Contacts   | Museum in a Box  
                Phone: (02) 9320 6197  
                Fax: (02) 9320 6069  
                Email: museuminabox@austmus.gov.au  

**NSW ART GALLERY: DA VINCI PROJECT**

**Nature of Activity**  
The Da Vinci Project consists of two specially designed programs which provide rich and challenging learning experiences for children who are in years K-6. The Art Gallery of New South Wales has established the Da Vinci Project as part of an ongoing commitment to helping these children to reach their full potential.

<p>| Cost | Free. Bookings need to be made. |</p>
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| Contacts | Public Programmes Booking Office  
Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Art Gallery Road  
SYDNEY NSW 2000  
Phone: (02) 9225 1740  
Fax: (02) 9221 5129  
Email: pp@ag.nsw.gov.au  

**NSW ART GALLERY: HOT ART - KLIPPEL**

| Nature of Activity | A program designed to meet the needs of intellectually gifted students, using higher order thinking skills in a museum context. Based upon the work of eminent Australian sculptor Robert Klippel, the program focuses on artworks in the Gallery's permanent collection. Students will participate in a discussion tour followed by a visit to the Prints & Drawings Study Room for an intimate viewing of works on paper. Students sketch from the artist's diaries and original drawings and use sculptural materials in a 3D workshop to extend their visual thinking skills. |
| Cost | Free 2.5 hour tour and workshop. Bookings are essential. |
| Age Groups | Years K-6 |
| Contacts | Public Programmes Booking Office  
Art Gallery of New South Wales  
Art Gallery Road  
SYDNEY NSW 2000  
Phone: (02) 9225 1740  
Fax: (02) 9221 5129  
Email: pp@ag.nsw.gov.au  

**SMART PROGRAM**

| Nature of Activity | The SMART program is presented by an enthusiastic team of students and staff from the faculty of Science and Information Technology at the University of Newcastle. Sessions are flexible and fun. They run from 20 minutes to a full day and are suitable for audiences ranging from preschool children to business and professional people.  
Themes include the polynomial workshop, the history of mathematics, chemical magic, and SMART shows on sound, water, hot ‘n’ cold, sport, radiation, gases, boomerangs, SCUBA, light ‘n’ lasers, Australian outback science, electricity, space, the science of entertainment... and many more!  
A “SMART box” of show-related hands-on activities is available for hire. |
| Cost | Varies from $2 demonstration workshops to $35 for hands-on workshops. |
| Age Groups | All age ranges. The optimal audience size is 60, however much larger and smaller groups are possible by arrangement |
| Contacts | Email: (preferred means of contact) smart@newcastle.edu.au,  
Phone : (02) 4921 5434  
Fax: (02) 49216907  
Web: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/smart |

**THEATRE OF IMAGE**

| Nature of Activity | Theatre of Image tells its stories through a distinctive, visual style of performance combining images, words and music into one composition.  
The Creative Holiday Workshop Scheme, a production by Theatre of Image can see any number of combinations of performers skilled in mime, puppetry, acting, dance and song, integrated with an inventiveness of contemporary production techniques: film, video, animation, sound, music, light, costume and puppets (shadow, rod, string and glove).  
Theatre of Image, in association with the Institute of Early Childhood at Macquarie University, conducts creative workshops at the institute that intermix the |
disciplines of puppetry/art, drama and music in each workshop. Children create their own contemporary tales of power and enchantment - of heroes' and heroines' thrilling adventures as they triumph over the archetypal villains and demons and win at all costs.

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| Contacts     | Workshop Coordinator, Theatre of Image  
P.O. Box 615  
DARLINGHURST NSW 2010  
Phone: (02) 9518-8458  
Fax: (02) 9518-8251  
Email: theatreofimage@idx.com.au |

**YOUNG LEADERS OF CHANGE (YLOC)**

| Nature of Activity | Young people face critical questions about their place in the world. What do I believe? What can I do about it? Where and how do I start? These are key leadership questions and many young people are now ready to take the steps to begin to make a difference. This program will examine leadership at a global, local and personal level, giving young adults with the desire to learn and a passion to make a difference, the practical skills to develop themselves as leaders. Young Leaders of Change (YLOC) is a scholarship program which is a springboard for development and action. The program is open to students in Years 9 -11 who are passionate about making change happen. It is not essential for students to already be in a leadership role in their school or community, but all participants should be committed to personal growth and meeting challenges. |
| Age Groups       | Years 9 -11 |
| Contacts         | Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC)  
Phone: (02) 9385 1972  
Web: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au |

**QUEENSLAND**

**START QUT - QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY**

| Nature of Activity | START QUT is an enhanced studies program that gives very high achieving Year 12 students the opportunity to study first year University subjects in both semester one and two. Eligible students are awarded a QUT scholarship which covers visiting student fees for the two semesters. Some Year 12 students are guaranteed entry to selected undergraduate courses in the subsequent year. |
| Cost              | Nil HECS; textbooks and materials only |
| Age Groups        | Year 12 students |
| Contacts          | Queensland University of Technology (QUT)  
Student Recruitment and Promotions  
Victoria Park Road  
KELVIN GROVE QLD 4059  
Expressions of Interest for the START QUT program are available.  
Web: http://studentservices.qut.com/pdfs/start_qut/seminar_kit.pdf |

**GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY EARLY START TO TERTIARY STUDY (GUESTS)**

| Nature of Activity | High achieving Year 12 students are able to apply for enrolment in a first year University subject, from a specified list of subjects, during semester one. |
| Cost              | Nil HECS; textbooks and materials only |
| Age Groups        | Year 12 students |
| Contacts          | GUESTS Administration Officer, Griffith University  
NATHAN QLD 4111  
Phone: (07) 3875 7621  
Fax: (07) 3875 7957  
Email: guests_enquiry@griffith.edu.au  
Web: http://www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/sta/admission/guests/ |
### BOND UNIVERSITY – STUDENT FOR A SEMESTER

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| Contacts          | Bond University  
Office of Recruitment and Admissions  
Phone: (07) 5595 5710  
Fax: (07) 5595 5037  

### UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND – ENHANCED STUDIES PROGRAM (ESP)

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| Contacts          | Dean of Students – Student Centre  
University of Queensland  
ST LUCIA QLD 4072  
Phone: (07) 3346 9648  
Fax: (07) 3346 9649  
Email: schools.liaison@admin.uq.edu.au |

### CENSUS AT SCHOOL

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<th>An ongoing project involving students from many countries who are required to gather information about themselves. The data form part of an international database for teachers and students to use in a variety of subjects at school.</th>
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| Contacts          | Email: statistics@treasury.qld.gov.au  

### ROBOCUP JUNIOR WORKSHOPS (QLD)

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<th>Students and teachers have the opportunity to participate in a range of workshops including: Introduction to Robotics, Artificial Intelligence, Inservice Teacher Training and Advanced Programming.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Workshop prices start from approx. $10.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Primary and secondary</td>
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</table>
| Contacts          | Ms Lynne Launt  
School of Information Technology and Electrical Engineering  
University of Queensland  
Phone: (07) 3365 4195  
Email: activities@itee.uq.edu.au  
Web: [http://www.robocupqld.net.au/](http://www.robocupqld.net.au/) |

### UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND SCIENCE AMBASSADORS PROGRAM

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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Students are nominated by their schools to act as Science Ambassadors. At the end of the program, identified students are awarded prizes for outstanding efforts in raising the profile of science within their school community.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Secondary</td>
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| Contacts          | Dr Dianna Gould  
UQ Science Ambassador Coordinator |

### UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND – ENRICHMENT STUDIES IN CHEMISTRY AND/OR BIOLOGY

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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Year 12 students have the opportunity to study first year Chemistry and/or Biology with teachers at their school. The University and school establish a relationship whereby secondary students enrol as a non-award UQ student and will receive</th>
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<th><strong>ADVANCED STUDY PROGRAM IN SCIENCE</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>Gifted science students completing Year 12 studies are eligible to apply for enrolment in the Advanced Study Program in Science at the University of Queensland. The program offers a select group of students an enriched program of science and access to individual mentoring by a scientist through the course.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Please contact the University</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>Completing Year 12</td>
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</table>
| **Contacts** | Faculty of Biological and Chemical Sciences  
University of Queensland QLD 4072  
Email: a.meiklejohn@uq.edu.au  

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<tr>
<th><strong>QUEENSLAND YOUTH ORCHESTRAS (QYO)</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>The Queensland Youth Orchestras is a world-class youth orchestra organisation providing an annual program of rehearsals, tutorials, music camps, concerts and tours for musicians.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Please contact the QYO</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>9 – 23 years</td>
</tr>
</tbody>
</table>
| **Contacts** | Queensland Youth Orchestras  
Old Museum Building  
Cnr Gregory Terrace and Bowen Bridge Road  
BOWEN HILLS QLD  
PO Box 40  
ROYAL BRISBANE HOSPITAL QLD 4029  
Phone: (07) 3257 1191  
Fax: (07) 3257 1159  
Email: info@qyoc.org.au  
Web: http://www.qyoc.org.au |

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<th><strong>QUEENSLAND YOUTH CHOIR (QYC)</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>The Queensland Youth Choir (QYC) offers a range of comprehensive choral music programs for young people. The training program incorporates singing, choreography and stagecraft.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Please contact the QYC</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>5 - 25 years</td>
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</table>
| **Contacts** | Queensland Youth Choir (QYC)  
Old Museum Building  
Cnr Gregory Terrace and Bowen Bridge Road  
HERSTON QLD  
PO Box 740  
FORTITUDE VALLEY QLD 4006  
Phone: (07) 3257 4905  
Fax: (07) 3257 4906  
Email: admin@qldyouthchoir.com.au  

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<th><strong>CLUB INFINITY</strong></th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>Club Infinity is a maths club for high school students and teachers, run by the Department of Mathematics at The University of Queensland.</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Nil</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>Secondary</td>
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</table>
| **Contacts**   | Club Infinity  
Mathematics Department  
The University of Queensland  
BRISBANE QLD 4072  
Web: http://maths.uq.edu.au/~infinity |

**QUEENSLAND MUSEUM**

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<th><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></th>
<th>The Queensland Museum offers a variety of workshops for students of all ages. Schools are also able to borrow artifacts and specimens from the Museum to create enriching classroom environments.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Please contact the Museum</td>
</tr>
<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary</td>
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</table>
| **Contacts**          | Queensland Museum  
PO Box 3300  
SOUTH BANK QLD 4101  
Phone: (07) 3840 7635  
Fax: (07) 3846 1918  
Email: inquirycentre@qm.qld.gov.au  
Web: http://qmuseum.qld.gov.au |

**QUEENSLAND ART GALLERY**

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<th><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></th>
<th>The Queensland Art Gallery offers a variety of workshops/programs throughout the year for students of all ages.</th>
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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Please contact the Art Gallery</td>
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<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>Early Childhood, Primary and Secondary</td>
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| **Contacts**          | Queensland Art Gallery  
SOUTH BANK QLD 4101  
Phone: (07) 3840 7455  
Email: gallery@qag.qld.gov.au  
Web: http://www.qag.qld.gov.au |

**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**BRIGHT FUTURES PROJECT**

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<tr>
<th><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></th>
<th>The consortium of schools provides opportunities for extension and specific programs for students, explicit teaching of thinking skills for all learners, professional development for staff and is part of The International Baccalaureate Middle Years Program. The schools are Cowandilla Primary, Flinders Park Primary, Kidman Park Primary, Torrensville Primary and Underdale High School.</th>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>Primary and Secondary students</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Contact:</strong></td>
<td>Margaret Donovan – Underdale High School. Program Coordinator. Phone: (08) 8352 2744 or the school Principals.</td>
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**GTCASA STUDENT PROGRAM**

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<tr>
<th><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></th>
<th>Sessions are held on nominated Saturday afternoons during school term times. Four sessions in each term run from 2 pm - 4 pm on dates and at venues which are advertised in the Association’s newsletter which is published at the beginning of each school term.</th>
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<tbody>
<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>$7 per session</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>Play Group, Early Ahead (Preschool), Saturday Club (R-7) and Continuum (Secondary)</td>
</tr>
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| **Contacts**          | Gifted and Talented Children’s Association of South Australia Inc  
PO Box 1  
HIGHGATE SA 5063  
Phone: (08)  8373 0500  
Web: http://www.gtcsa.asn.au |
### GTCASA YOUTH WORKSHOPS

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Youth Workshops are for gifted students in Years 8, 9 and 10. All South Australian secondary schools are invited to nominate students for these courses which take place during the April school holidays</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Varies</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Years 8-10</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Gifted and Talented Children’s Association Of South Australia Inc PO Box 1 HIGHGATE SA 5063 Phone: (08) 8373 0500 Web: <a href="http://www.gtcasa.asn.au">http://www.gtcasa.asn.au</a></td>
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### THE IGNITE PROGRAM

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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Statewide Secondary Program for Gifted Students. Three secondary schools, Aberfoyle Park High School, Glenunga International High School, and The Heights School operate as a consortium. These three Ignite schools have been provided with resources to specifically cater for the needs of highly gifted students.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Contact</td>
<td>Glenunga International High School 99 L’Estrange Street GLENUNGA SA 5064 Phone: (08) 8379 5629 The Heights School Brunel Drive MODBURY HEIGHTS SA 5092 Phone: (08) 8263 6244 Aberfoyle Park High School Taylors Road East ABERFOYLE PARK SA 5159 Phone: (08) 8270 4455 Web: <a href="http://www.igniteprogram.com">http://www.igniteprogram.com</a></td>
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### TECHNOLOGY SCHOOL OF THE FUTURE

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Vacation Student Activities</th>
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<td>Primary and Secondary</td>
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<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Technology School of the Future Milner Street HINDMARSH SA 5007 Web: <a href="http://www.tsof.sa.edu.au">http://www.tsof.sa.edu.au</a></td>
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### WESTERN SHIP (STUDENTS WITH HIGH INTELLECTUAL POTENTIAL) PROGRAM

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Four primary and one secondary school operate as a cluster with their combined resources used to appoint a Program Coordinator. Differentiated programs for gifted learners, high order thinking skills for all learners and a professional development program for staff is provided. The schools are Grange Schools, Hendon Primary, Seaton High School, West Lakes Shore Schools and Westport Primary.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Primary and Secondary</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Maggie Gibson, Program Coordinator Mobile: (0422) 004 132</td>
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</table>
### TASMANIA
#### TASMANIAN CONSERVATORIUM OF MUSIC
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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>An early entry program for exceptional musicians in final years of high school. Prelude program – for students in Hobart area. Overture program – for students outside Hobart area.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age Group</td>
<td>Final years of high school</td>
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</table>
| Contact           | Dr Annie-Marie Forbes  
Email: a.forbes@utas.edu.au  
Web: http://www.utas.edu.au/music/(pretertiary) |

### TASMANIAN YOUTH PARLIAMENT
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<th>Nature of activity</th>
<th>One week selective residential program in September school holidays.</th>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Years 11 &amp; 12</td>
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<tr>
<td>Contact</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.youthparliament.org.au">http://www.youthparliament.org.au</a></td>
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### VICTORIA
#### CHIP PROGRAMS
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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>CHIP runs English, mathematics and scholars programs after school and on Saturdays. Holiday programs are also offered to students. Programs are offered in a range of locations across Melbourne. Other services are also provided including professional development, written resources and counselling and assessment services.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Available on request</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Prep to Year 12, including VCE and International Baccalaureate</td>
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</table>
| Contacts           | CHIP Programs  
PO Box 9  
Camberwell Vic 3124  
Phone: (03) 9533 2881  
Fax: (03) 9533 2883  
Web: http://www.chip.edu.au |

### COMMUNITY ENRICHMENT FOR GIFTED CHILDREN PROGRAMS
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>The Community Enrichment Program for Gifted Children is run by La Trobe University, Bendigo, in conjunction with the organisation, Parents of Children with Special Abilities, with the support of the local school systems. The program is held three times a year with workshops presented by academics from the University and experts from industry and community organisations, all who have a passion for their topic. This program is an important University outreach to the community. The program is supported by the Telstra Foundation.</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Minimal</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Preschool – senior secondary</td>
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</table>
| Contacts           | Contact: Pam Lyons, La Trobe University (Bendigo Campus)  
Phone: (03) 5475 2906 or (0421) 643 478  
Email: p.lyons@latrobe.edu.au |

### MELBOURNE YOUTH MUSIC
<table>
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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>MYM offers a world of opportunity for students of music. Through Saturday Music and the Annual Summer School, MYM offers an excellent experience in music education for future musicians, music educators, arts administrators and concert goers.</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Approximately $455 per year.</td>
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<td>Age Group</td>
<td>8 - 23 years</td>
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| Contact            | Level 2, Room S19  
Albert Park College  
83 Danks Street  
Albert Park Vic 3206  
Phone: (03) 9696 8624 |
### WESTERN AUSTRALIA
#### MURDOCH UNIVERSITY PREPARATORY CLASSES
**Nature of Activity**
Series of classes in Preparatory Study Skills, Preparatory Chemistry, Preparatory Mathematics and Preparatory Physics run after school during Term 2.

**Cost**
$150 per course

**Age Groups**
Year 6 and 7 students

**Contacts**
Jennifer Searcy at Murdoch University  
Phone: (08) 9386 4783 or (0407) 982 349  
Email: j.searcy@murdoch.edu.au

### Csiro Science Education Centre WA Region
**Nature of Activity**
A selection of different laboratory based programs

**Cost**
60 mins $4.50 per child, 90 mins $5.50 per child

**Age Groups**
Upper primary, Secondary

**Contacts**
CSIRO Science Education Centre, WA Region  
CSIRO Education  
Scitech Discovery Centre  
CSIRO Science Education Centre  
PO Box 1155  
WEST PERTH WA 6005  
Phone: (08) 9481 7231  
Fax: (08) 9321 2869  
Email: Andrew.Hannah@csiro.au

### Curtin University Maths Enrichment Program
**Nature of Activity**
Maths Enrichment program run at Curtin University for a broad range of mathematically talented students, aiming to develop sound mathematical problem solving skills. Classes run over 16 sessions in Term 2 and 3 each year.

**Cost**
$121 (inc GST)

**Age Groups**
Years 5 - 11

**Contacts**
Web: http://www.mathsenrich@maths.curtin.edu.au

### Fremantle Film and Television Institute
**Nature of Activity**
Practical youth holiday workshops run four times per year in the professional studios of the FTI with a focus on creative animation and video production. Registration includes Under 18 FTI membership for 12 months.

**Cost**
$90 for one-day workshops, $160 for two-day workshops. Discounts available for multiple workshops.

**Age Groups**
9 - 17 years

**Contacts**
Lui Sit  
PO Box 579  
FREMANTLE WA 6959  
Phone: (08) 9431 6702  
Fax: (08) 9335 1283

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**MONASH EDUCATION ENGINEERING INITIATIVE**

**Nature of Activity**
Monash University Education offers schools the opportunity to have a final year Engineering student for eight sessions as an advisor and mentor. Engineering students are happy to negotiate an engineering project and work with students over the eight sessions.

**Cost**
Free

**Age Group**
Years 5 - 10

**Contact**
Monash University, Faculty of Engineering  
Phone: (03) 9905 3404  
Email: enquiries@eng.monash.edu.au

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**Email: mym@internex.net.au**  
**Web: http://www.mym.org.au**
### FREMANTLE CHILDREN’S LITERATURE CENTRE

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Range of after school workshops during the year for children and teachers.</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Varies, generally under $15</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Varies but generally primary school age</td>
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</table>
| Contacts           | Fremantle Children’s Literature Centre  
The Old Prison Hospital  
cnr Knutsford Street & Hampton Road  
Fremantle Prison Complex  
FREMANTLE WA 6160  
Phone (08) 9430 6869  
Email: freoclci@iinet.net.au  

### GRAVITY DISCOVERY CENTRE

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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>The GDC is an inspirational self-supporting, non-profit public education and tourism centre that focuses on the big questions of Life and the Universe, and the extraordinary biodiversity of Wallingup Plain. Primary and Secondary programs plus Professional Development sessions for teachers. Located at Military Road, Gingin. Open 9.30am - 5.00pm Tuesday to Sunday</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Please contact us to confirm prices</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>All</td>
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</table>
| Contacts           | Alan Gent - Education Manager  
Email: education@gdc.asn.au  
P.O. Box 313  
GINGIN W.A. 6503  
Phone: (08) 9575 7577  
Fax: (08) 9575 7544  
Email: info@gdc.asn.au |

### HERDSMAN LAKE WILDLIFE CENTRE

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Live bird and animal displays, mezzanine viewing area, touch tables, minibeasts. Other activities include early morning bird walks, sleepovers, excursions and talks to groups. Open Monday to Friday 8.15am – 4.30pm, Saturday/Sunday 1.00pm – 4.30pm.</th>
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<td>Costs</td>
<td>Please contact us to confirm admission prices.</td>
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| Contacts           | Corner Flynn & Selby Streets  
WEMBLEY WA  
Phone: (08) 9387 6079  
Fax: (08) 9387 3492  
Web: http://edsitewa.iinet.net.au/herdsmanlakewildlifecentre.html |

### MACQUARIE BANK FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING - WA DETAILS

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>The Macquarie Bank Future Problem Solving Program is a year-long program in creative and analytical thinking that focuses on developing skills in positive problem solving. The Program challenges students to apply information they have acquired through their research to issues facing society.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>$150 per team approx</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>P-12</td>
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| Contacts           | WA State Convenor: John Bailey  
Phone: (08) 9368 6466  
Email: wa-fps@fpsp.org.au  
Web: http://www.fpswa.org/ |
### Perth Observatory

**Nature of Activity**
The Observatory Education Program is conducted both at the Observatory and at remote locations. As well as tours of the Observatory, staff conduct talks for Primary Schools, High Schools, Universities and clubs. A variety of tours is also available.

**Cost**
Tours last 90 mins. $18 adults, $12 children

**Age Groups**
All

**Contacts**
A telephone "HOTLINE" (08) 9293 8109  

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### Ribbons of Blue

**Nature of Activity**
Ribbons of Blue/Waterwatch WA is an environmental education network aimed at increasing community awareness and understanding about local water quality, and taking action for a better environment.

**Age Groups**
School age students

**Contacts**
State Facilitator: Bronwyn Ryan  
Phone: (08) 9278 0646  
Email: bronwyn.ryan@environment.wa.gov.au  

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### Scitech Discovery Centre

**Nature of Activity**
Interactive ways for visitors to discover more about the world and the science behind how things work. The exhibits are 'hands-on' and the majority are designed and produced on site. Open daily 10am - 5pm except Christmas Day.

**Cost**
Adults $12 or $9 after 3pm  
Children 3 - 15 years $8 (2 years and under free)  
Mini Group $33 (2 adults and 2 children or 1 adult and 3 children)  
Concessions $9 (Pensioners and valid concession card holders)

**Age Groups**
All

**Contacts**
First Floor, City West  
cnr Sutherland St & Railway Pde  
WEST PERTH WA 6005  
Phone: (08) 9481 6295  

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### The Edith Cowan University Mathematical Problem Solving Program

**Nature of Activity**
Year long after-school courses for mathematically able and gifted school students aged 10 to 15 at the Mount Lawley campus of the University, directed by Dr Norm Hoffman. The program involves a wide range of significant mathematical problem-solving activities. Applications close September and selection for the program is based on students’ solutions to a range of pre-set problems.

**Levels**
- Level 1 (Primary 1) is for Year 6 students.  
- Level 2 (Primary 2) is for Year 7 students.  
- Level 3 (Euler) is for Year 8 students.  
- Level 4 (Gauss) is for Year 9 students.  
- Level 5 (Noether) is for Year 10 students.  
The Euler, Gauss and Noether levels are a part of the national program.

**Cost**
The fees for the year-long program are as follows:  
- Primary 1: $70  
- Primary 2: $85  
- Euler, Gauss, and Noether: $110  
This includes the fee for participation in the Mathematics Challenge program.

**Age Groups**
10 – 15 years. Exceptional students of a younger age can apply.

**Contacts**
Dr Nathan (Norm) Hoffman  
Email: nhoffman@iinet.net.au  
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<th><strong>WORDPLAY</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>A recreational program that focuses on literacy and thinking skills, through the Arts (particularly drama) and enables young people to showcase their talents through original performance. Holiday programs are also available.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>$130 per term, $220 per semester, $400 per year, holiday programs $45 - $85</td>
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<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>4- 6 yrs, 7- 9 yrs, 10 -12 yrs</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Contacts</strong></td>
<td>Dr Josephine Fantasia</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Suite 5/ 330 South Terrace</td>
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<td>SOUTH FREMANTLE WA  6162</td>
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<td>Fax:  (08) 9336 6966</td>
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<td>Email: <a href="mailto:wordplay@iinet.net.au">wordplay@iinet.net.au</a></td>
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<td>Web: <a href="http://www.wordplay.com.au">http://www.wordplay.com.au</a></td>
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USEFUL WEBSITES

NATIONAL
Reference site for Australian education provision, with section dedicated to gifted education. Includes general information - a collection of useful sites for challenging activities, links to all Australian Associations and to State and Territory departments.

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED AND TALENTED (AAEGT)
Resources for parents http://www.aaegt.net.au/parentresources.html
Resources for teachers http://www.aaegt.net.au/resources.html

CHILD AND YOUTH HEALTH (http://www.cyh.com)
Answers to frequently asked questions about gifted and talented children are in the Parent section of the website.

EDUPLACE (http://www.eduplace.com/math/brain/)
Great site for students with lots of maths problem solving questions and brain teasers.

EDUPLACE (http://www.eduplace.com/graphicsorganiser/index.html)
Excellent resource for graphic organiser templates. Good for visual learners or for developing thinking skills.

List of lessons and activity ideas for environmental education. Many links are Australian and linked to syllabus documents and outcomes. Some units particularly focus on gifted students.

FUTURE LEADERS (http://www.futureleaders.com.au/)
Future Leaders is a national initiative about leadership and the future of Australia. It seeks to involve, inform and inspire young people.

GIFTED AND CREATIVE SERVICES AUSTRALIA (http://www.giftedservices.com.au)
Gifted & Creative Services is dedicated to providing services that encompass and nourish the whole gifted person and meet emotional, intellectual, physical and educational needs. The site offers information on emotional issues, intensity, sensitivity, perfectionism, and the very real needs of visual-spatial learners.

MATHS FUN (http://www.mathsisfun.com/)
This is a great site full of activities for kids who love maths. Topic areas include polygons, platonic solids, coordinates, logic puzzles and fractions.

MILLENNIUM KIDS (http://www.millenniumkids.com.au/)
This is a site where young people encourage others to be active in the environment. The aim of the site is to develop local, regional and international partnerships which empower young people to explore, identify and address environmental issues through information exchange, networks and on-the-ground action.

Night of the Notables is an inclusive program for gifted and talented students. It has received an enthusiastic response. In it, many optimal features of gifted education (demanding research skills, longer time spans, deeper studies, wider research, flexible pacing, integrated study across the subjects, advanced communication skills, personal creativity) are featured.
Night of the Notables serves and nurtures the autonomous learner.
Contains many links to lessons, activity and content for all KLAs and specialist areas. Section on gifted education has good local and overseas links.

PUZZLES AND GAMES FOR THINKING (http://www.brainquest.com/)
A site containing clever puzzles and games for downloading. Use many different thinking strategies.

QUESTACON (http://www.questacon.edu.au)
The official site of the Questacon Science and Technology Centre is full of puzzles, games and illusions.

QUESTACON SMART MOVES SITE
Smart Moves is designed for students to find out about cutting edge careers in science, engineering and technology, discover some of the unbelievable science happening today (did you know they can make ‘flatulence-free’ baked beans?!), become an entrepreneur by coming up with business ideas in science, engineering and technology, catch up with other young Australian business people and cutting-edge researchers, think about future studies in science, engineering, technology and business, follow through on your ideas – just let us know. You can see a show, take part in a competition and/or have a go at the Invention Convention. Too many options! This website provides information and contacts for people and places involved in new ideas and business.

SCHOLASTIC AUSTRALIA (http://scholastic.com.au)
Site with links to authors and author profiles, book lists for suggested reading material and kidzone with software.

TALENTED WEB SITE (http://scs.une.edu.au/TalentEd)
Dedicated to the provision of material about the education of the gifted and talented. Includes information on competitions, the TalentEd journal, units for teaching, references and links to other sites.

THE AUSTRALIAN ACADEMY OF SCIENCE (www.science.org.au/nova)
NOVA SCIENCE IN THE NEWS

This site is for students, teachers, academics, rummagers and anyone who asks “Why?” There are sections on all sorts of things: creative writing, quizzes, anagrams, proverbs; The Anglo-Saxon Chronicle, dragons, words for landscape and weather, curious words and spellings and a bit of nonsense.

VIRTUAL SCHOOL FOR THE GIFTED (http://www.vsg.edu.au/)
The VSG is an online school which specialises in providing enrichment courses to complement and extend the regular curriculum. The VSG works with schools and home schools to provide courses to challenge able students.

WEB QUESTS (http://edweb.sdsu.edu/courses/edtec596/about_webquests.html)
WebQuests are inquiry-oriented activities in which some or all of the information that learners interact with comes from resources on the internet.

YOUNG AUTHORS WORKSHOP (http://www.planet.eon.net/~bplaroch/indexb.html)
This is a fabulous site for middle years students who love to write. The pages will help children to find online sources for writing ideas, writing tips, interactive writing projects, places to discuss and ask for advice about writing from peers or published writers.
AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY
The G.A.T.E.WAYS programs are based on the philosophy that highly able and gifted children have particular needs for stimulation and challenge that match their high level of curiosity and desire to learn. Programs are available at Woden-Weston region where eight workshops are held per term by institutions (Green Machine) or schools (in dance, drama, maths, science, puppet-making).

NEW SOUTH WALES
PLC SYDNEY EXTENSION CENTRE (http://www.plc.nsw.edu.au/extension/default.htm)
Possibly the longest running continuous extension and enrichment program for gifted and talented children in Australia. Whilst superior intellectual potential and academic achievements are highly regarded, the Extension Centre considers the social and emotional development of children to be of primary importance. The philosophy of the Extension Centre considers the psychosocial development of the child as the foundation on which academic performance can be built. All children can do better when they feel connected because they belong somewhere, and at the same time are recognized as individuals. When these needs are met, a child’s cognitive and academic potential is freer to develop.

Courses, testing and assessment, parent seminars and out of hours tutoring. Courses run on Saturday afternoons for 8 weeks in school terms.

MINDQUEST (Phone (02) 4573 1139)
Science and exploration programs run during school holidays out of a range of school centres. Workshops are grouped by school year and cost around $120 for two full days.

STAR WATCH (email camillagordon@hotmail.com)
Young Starwatchers offers the opportunity for young gifted children to learn about astronomy and science. It is based on the premise that the extent of children’s interest in science and the capacity of children today to understand and grasp scientific principles continues to develop. Classes run out of Nepean Observatory.

TERRIFIC SCIENTIFIC (http://terrificscientific.com/club)
A British site that has Australian contacts. Terrific Scientific is a store and resource centre as well as running workshops focused on complex science topics during holidays. Topics include: medieval weapons and warfare, inventions, electronics and flight. On-line catalogue of science equipment and labs to build at home.

QUEENSLAND
BRIGHT MINDS (http://www.brightminds.uq.edu.au/)
Online activities, information and online laboratory skills for students and teachers.

CHILDREN’S COMMISSION OF QUEENSLAND (http://www.childcomm.qld.gov.au)

CURRICULUM AND STUDIES CS-07: The Education of Gifted Students in Queensland Schools

EDUCATION QUEENSLAND – Framework for Gifted Education

EDUCATION QUEENSLAND’S CURRICULUM EXCHANGE

post messages to gifted@qed.qld.gov.au


An initiative of Education Queensland, providing online gifted education resources to support the implementation of the Framework for Gifted Education.

A review of home schooling commissioned by the Minister for Education.

JOINT COUNCIL FOR QUEENSLAND TEACHER ASSOCIATIONS (JCQTA) (http://www.pa.ash.org.au/jcqta/)
Members of the JCQTA include many Queensland Teacher Associations which network to share resources and information about upcoming professional development opportunities for teachers, including opportunities to participate in Commonwealth funding grants.

Education Queensland website.

Oz-Gifted is a general discussion mailing list for teachers and parents of gifted children, and others interested in gifted education in Australia. Email discussions to oz-gifted@rite.ed.qut.edu.au

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (http://www/fed.qut.edu.au/watters/Gifted/Gifted.html)


Science education in Queensland schools is receiving $14 million over three years, commencing 2003.

SOI AUSTRALIA (http://www.soiaustralia.com.au/)

TASMANIA
HOBART BRIGHT SPARKS CLUB (email kba@myrealbox.com)
Past activities have included, basket weaving, tile painting, drama, chess, other board games, aerobics, orienteering, quizzes, flight simulator, science experiments, word games, problem solving, slogan creating, gardening, computer use and many more over the past six years. Guest speakers have included famous writers, actors, musicians, leading scientists, adventurers, sportsmen and even the Governor.

VICTORIA
EDUCATION CHANNEL (http://www.education.vic.gov.au/ch/)
This is a Government Channel providing enhanced public access and discovery of educational resources for students of all ages, teachers, parents and the wider community.

SOFWEB’S VIRTUAL CLASSROOM (http://www.sofweb.vic.edu.au/STUDENTS/kids/vclass/)
The Virtual Classroom has lots of cool activities and links to help students with their homework, school projects and just for fun.
WESTERN AUSTRALIA
THINKING AHEAD EXTENSION WORKSHOPS (http://www.thinkingahead.com.au)
Holiday programs offering a wide range of workshops for bright and gifted primary school aged children from PP to Year 7, held each school holidays. Details of the program and other information can be found on the website. Registrations can be completed online, by post or fax. Students self-select for classes in one of three levels, depending on ability and interest.

WESTERN AUSTRALIA DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION (http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/gifted)
The section on gifted education – identification, provision and information about giftedness - is very clear and detailed. An effective resource.

WORDPLAY (http://www.wordplay.com.au)
A recreational program that focuses on literacy and thinking skills, through the Arts (particularly drama) and enables young people to showcase their talents through original performance. Holiday programs also available.
### NATIONAL

#### CSIRO’S DOUBLE HELIX SCIENCE CLUB

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| Contact            | Membership Secretary  
CSIRO Education  
PO Box 225  
DICKSON ACT 2602  
Phone: (02) 6276 6643  
Fax: (02) 6276 6641  
Email: education@csiro.au  

#### PARABOLA MAGAZINE

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
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<td>Prizes</td>
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| Contact            | Sally Bakker, Manager,  
Australian Mathematics Trust  
UNIVERSITY OF CANBERRA ACT 2601  
Phone: (02) 6201 5136  
Fax: (02) 6201 5052  
Email: mail@amt.canberra.edu.au  
Web: [http://www.amt.canberra.edu.au](http://www.amt.canberra.edu.au) |

#### SCIENCE BY EMAIL

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| Contact            | Science by Email Officer  
CSIRO Education  
PO Box 225  
DICKSON ACT 2602  
Phone: (02) 6276 6291  
Fax: (02) 6276 6641  
Email: education@csiro.au  

#### SCIENTRIFFIC

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>A hands-on science magazine that provides easy experiments to try, science stories, a comic strip, competitions and give-aways. A Teacher’s Guide supports its use in classrooms. Scientriffic is popular with both individual subscribers and as class sets for schools.</th>
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<td>$24.00 pa + $7.70 teachers guide. Bulk subscription (10+) $14.30 inc GST per subscription also includes Teachers’ Guide</td>
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| Contact            | Editor Scientriffic  
CSIRO Education  
PO Box 225 |
### TalentEd

**Nature of Activity**

**Cost**
- 1 year's subscription to *TalentEd* (2 issues) @ A$24.00 (GST incl)
- 2 years' subscription to *TalentEd* (4 issues) @ A$46.00 (GST incl)

**Age Groups**
All

**Contact**
Dr Peter Merrotsy (Editor, TalentEd)
Phone: (02) 6773 3832
Fax: (02) 6773 5078
Email: pmerrots@pobox.une.edu.au

### THE AUSTRALIAN

**Nature of Activity**
Creating the Australian: Information about how a newspaper is put together? Opportunities to read about editors, journalists and production staff and how they get the paper out each day. How to understand a newspaper: A guide for students on how information is presented in newspapers on current events and issues. International newspapers: Want to know what's going on in Germany, Nepal or Indonesia? Check out our comprehensive list of international newspapers. Lesson Plans: prepared lesson plans for upper primary and senior classes which relate to stories in *The Australian*. Topics include drama, PE, civics and history. Provides links for stories utilised. Good discussion starters and exercises delving into behind the stories.

**Cost**
Free on the net.

**Age Groups**
Primary students. Secondary students (lower).

**Contact**
THE AUSTRALIAN
2 Holt Street
SURRY HILLS NSW 2010
GPO Box 4245
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Phone: (02) 9288 2317
Fax: (02) 9288 2250
Email: NSW@theaustralian.com.au
Schools@theaustralian.com.au

### NEW SOUTH WALES

**GIFTED: JOURNAL OF THE NSWAGTC**

**Nature of Activity**
Contents include articles on parenting, teaching, social issues, web site reviews, book reviews, contacts for schools and programs, details of events arranged by the NSW AGTC and contacts in metropolitan and regional areas.

**Cost**
Subscription comes as part of joining fee of association.

**Age Groups**
All

**Contact**
Editor: Cate Turner
NSW Association for Gifted & Talented Children Inc
Phone: (02) 9633 5399
Fax: (02) 9633 5799
Email: office@nswagtc.org.au
Web: http://www.nswagtc.org.au
### GIFTED: CENTREFOLD

**Nature of Activity**
A children’s section of the Journal of the NSW Association for Gifted & Talented Children Inc. which is published four times a year. This section includes writing, artwork, activities and also has book and website reviews. Children are invited to submit writing or art work. Work is selected for quality. If not immediately suitable is returned with comments for improvement then can be resubmitted.

**Cost**
Subscription comes as part of joining fee of association.

**Age Groups**
All

**Contact**
Editor: Cate Turner, Centrefold Editor: Denise Wood
NSW Association for Gifted & Talented Children Inc
Phone: (02) 9633 5399
Fax: (02) 9633 5799
Email: office@nswagtc.org.au
Web: http://www.nswagtc.org.au

### THE DAILY TELEGRAPH

**Nature of Activity**
Offers content that includes:
- TTN- linked to weekly television current affairs show. Provides back up reading material and some questions and study ideas.
- Classmate- information about range of topics. Could be used as a starting point for independent research.
Also available in Tuesday paper each week.

**Cost**
Cost of subscription to paper, or cost of paper on a daily basis.

**Age Groups**
It is a useful resource for primary age gifted students.

**Contact**
The Daily Telegraph
2 Holt Street
SURRY HILLS NSW, 2010.
Phone: (02) 9288-3000.
Fax: (02) 9288-2300.
Email: news@dailytelegraph.com.au
Web: http://dailytelegraph.news.com.au

### THE SYDNEY MORNING HERALD

**Nature of Activity**
**HERALD IN THE CLASSROOM:** Resource for students in Years 7-12. This comprehensive program directs students to develop a critical stance when analysing media texts. Students are encouraged to deconstruct media texts and respond in a variety of genres. Our online, interactive student newspaper is an important forum where students can read and respond to articles, news stories and reviews submitted by their peers.

**THE SUN-HERALD CLASS SCOOP**
Resource for students in upper primary and lower secondary. Introduces students to newspaper layout and language. Students develop reading and writing skills while learning about current social issues. The Sun-Herald Class Scoop program is an education resource combining The Sun-Herald newspaper and the internet. Exercises on this website change weekly and are designed to test the comprehension and information retrieval skills of school students, while developing their interest in current affairs.

**Cost**
School delivery to teachers and students for only $1.20 a week per copy (2004). Class Scoop: subscribe for one term for $25. One year: $50

**Age Groups**
Upper Primary, secondary

**Contact**
Herald Education
PO Box 506
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Phone: 1800 628 011
Fax: (02) 9282 3703
Email: heraldclassroom@mail.fairfax.com.au
# QUEENSLAND

## INFINITY – UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND MATHEMATICS DEPARTMENT

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<td>Club Infinity Mathematics Department The University of Queensland BRISBANE QLD 4072</td>
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## BRIGHT MINDS – UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND CHEMISTRY & BIOLOGICAL SCIENCES DEPT.

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<th>Magazine published by the Faculty of Biological and Chemical Sciences for students and teachers interested in scientific concepts. References to current events in science, competitions, etc.</th>
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<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Faculty of Biological and Chemical Sciences UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND QLD 4072 Web: <a href="http://www/brightminds.uq.edu.au/">http://www/brightminds.uq.edu.au/</a></td>
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## KIDSCAPE

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<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Ms Lisa De Leon c/- 22 Hailer Street SHAILER PARK QLD 4128 Email: <a href="mailto:south@qagtc.org.au">south@qagtc.org.au</a></td>
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## TASMANIA

## THE MERCURY NEWSPAPER

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## VICTORIA

## JETSETTER KIDS CLUB

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<td>$44.20 for four magazines and packs throughout the year. The subscription also includes a birthday card and gift on the child's birthday.</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Margaret Kelly 24 Advantage Road HIGHTETT VIC 3190 P.O. Box 132 HAMPTON VIC 3188 Phone: (03) 9598 2191 Email: <a href="mailto:margjismag@bigpond.com">margjismag@bigpond.com</a></td>
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| **Contact**              | Highlighting Writing  
Gary Jenkins  
P.O. Box 194  
SANDRINGHAM VIC 3191  
Phone: (03) 9521 8439  
Fax: (03) 9521 8437  
Web: [http://www.highlightingwriting.com/](http://www.highlightingwriting.com/) |

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| **Contact**             | 250 Spencer Street  
MELBOURNE 3000  
Phone: (03) 9601 2316  
Fax: (03) 9601 2219  
ORGANISATIONS FOR THE GIFTED

NATIONAL

AUSTRALIAN ASSOCIATION FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED AND TALENTED (AAEGT)
The AAEGT meets in variety of ways to investigate national projects and connections. It lobbies the Federal Government on issues relating to Gifted Education (the 2001 Senate Inquiry into Gifted Education is a good example). It provides a biennial conference - in 2006 this will be held in Western Australia. AAEGT provides a link between state and territory associations and groups, so that they can have a national 'voice' in gifted education. It provides a national forum for representatives from state organisations to discuss issues regarding the gifted and talented and to disseminate information to state organizations. Members of state associations become members through affiliation and can subscribe to the journal through their association. In addition, AAEGT publishes the Australian Journal for Gifted Education, a research based journal focussing on Australian research into gifted issues, twice yearly.

Email: info@aaegt.net.au

AUSTRALIAN MENSA INCORPORATED
Mensa is a not-for-profit society. Its purposes are to identify and foster human intelligence for the benefit of humanity, encourage research into the nature, characteristics and uses of intelligence, and to provide a stimulating intellectual and social environment for its members. Mensa is an international society with only one criterion for membership - a score on a standardised IQ test higher than that of 98 per cent of the general population.

Currently the Australian Mensa full-rate annual subscription is $88. A reduced rate of $44 applies to juniors (under 18), students, pensioners and unemployed. A second member in the same household can pay $24 for membership without separate publications.

National details
P.O. Box 213
TOORAK VIC 3142
Phone: 1 902 260 594
Web: http://www.au.mensa.org

Children’s Co-ordinator:
Email: gifted_children@au.mensa.org.
Web: http://helendowland.terminus.net.au.

BELIN BLANK CENTER FOR GIFTED EDUCATION AND TALENT DEVELOPMENT
Centre for research and teacher education in gifted education at the University of Iowa. Sponsors the Wallace Research convention biannually and research and reports on rural gifted students. Sponsors the Invent Iowa competition. Linked to GERRIC as academic partner.
Site provides information and links to other centres.
Web: http://www.uiowa.edu

CHILDREN OF HIGH INTELLECTUAL POTENTIAL (CHIP)
PO Box 9
CAMBERWELL VIC 3124
Phone: (03) 9533 2881
Fax: (03) 9533 2883
Web: http://www.chip.edu.au/
DAVIDSON INSTITUTE
The mission of the Davidson Institute for Talent Development is to recognise, nurture and support profoundly intelligent young people and to provide opportunities for them to develop their talents to make a positive difference. Information and access to resources for profoundly gifted children is available on site.
Web: http://www.ditd.org/public/

GIFTED EDUCATION RESEARCH RESOURCE AND INFORMATION CENTRE (GERRIC)
GERRIC, at the University of New South Wales, aims to add to the Australian research on effective education for gifted children; develop and conduct teacher inservice programs; establish workshops and specialist seminars for teachers, parents, and counsellors; run programs for school aged students from pre-school through to secondary school and publish materials to support educators in identifying and developing programs for gifted students.

- GERRIC offers, annually, the highly regarded postgraduate Certificate of Gifted Education for teachers.
- GERRIC offers a range of resources, including books, annotated bibliographies and audiotapes
- GERRIC seeks to provide for the parents of gifted children through seminars run concurrently with the student programs, and provision of a wide range of resources, and a parenting course.
- GERRIC runs a range of children’s programs (see section on programs).

Phone: (02) 9385 1972 or (02) 9385 1974 or 1800 626 824 (Toll free outside Sydney Metro. Area)
Fax: (02) 9385 1973
Email: gerric@unsw.edu.au
Web: http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au

AUSTRALIAN CAPITAL TERRITORY

ACT GIFTED SUPPORT
Activities are run on a quarterly basis for gifted and talented children covering various topics. An annual camp is held in November; this year the theme is Deltora Quest. Monthly coffee and chat mornings are held and/or playgroup. A mini conference for parents and professionals is planned to run annually.
ACT Coordinator for NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children.
Contact: Bernadette Huxley
Phone: (0410) 248 250 or (02) 6227 0303
Fax: (02) 9385 1973
Email: gifted_support@bigpond.com

NEW SOUTH WALES

NSW ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN INC.
The association aims to support parents and families of children who are gifted. It offers counselling, support group, contacts, events on a regular basis, a library for members, a journal and inservicing for teachers and schools in all sectors. It advocates for gifted children and their families in government arenas at all levels to provide better services for children and families. Regular events include discussion forums, workshops, camps and outings. The web site offers detailed information and also links to many other useful resources. The Association is run by an open committee that meets monthly in evenings and twice annually on a Saturday. The Association holds some meetings in regional areas to provide access for country members.
Annual Membership: $60.00 payable to March each year. A half yearly fee is available. This entitles members to one subscription of the journal and discount at events run by the Association.

NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc
C/- Hilltop Road Public School
Hilltop Road
GIFTED LEARNING DISABLED SUPPORT GROUP
The GLD Support Group began in 1995 for parents, professionals and other interested people who are concerned about children who are gifted and also have specific learning disabilities. The GLD support group provides a forum for parents and others who deal with GLD children which promotes awareness and understanding of GLD. The group collects and shares information, networks and supports by phone and email, disseminating information from other groups such as NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children, SPELD, Learning Difficulties Coalition and GERRIC, running monthly meetings and maintaining a library of books, tapes and videos that are available free-of-charge to NSWAGTC members.

GLD Support Group Meetings are held once each school term with a guest speaker and opportunity for discussion, swapping information and, most importantly, meeting other families in a similar situation. The meetings are held on Thursday evenings from 7.30-9.30 pm at the Epping Creative Centre which is located at 26 Stanley Road, Epping. A light supper is served at the meetings and the cost of attending is $2 per person.

Access is through the NSW Association for Gifted and Talented Children.
Phone: (02) 9633 5399
Fax: (02) 9633 5799
Email: office@nswagtc.org.au
Web: http://www.nswagtc.org.au

NORTHERN TERRITORY
NORTHERN TERRITORY ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED
The association aims to provide information, education, counselling support, library materials and children’s activities for gifted children in the Northern Territory. A newsletter is published by the association.
PO Box 41852
CASUARINA NT 0811

QUEENSLAND
QUEENSLAND ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN
Support group for parents and teachers. Site includes links and outlines of programs and activities in Queensland. There are three types of membership: Institution - for schools, tertiary institutions, education centres, libraries, etc; Family - for families whose children will benefit from activities; Individual - for people with an interest in this area.

The Gifted Centre
282 Stafford Rd
STAFFORD QLD 4053
Phone: (07) 3352 4288
Fax: (07) 3352 4388
Web: http://www.qagtc.org.au

GIFTED AND TALENTED TEACHER NETWORK
An initiative of the QAGTC. Whole day workshops are held once per school term offering teachers professional development in a variety of gifted education issues. Branches organise workshops and activities for children and adults, playgroups, parent support groups and information nights. The annual state conference is usually hosted in March each year, and regional conferences are negotiated according to suitable places and times.

Contact: Ms Toni Banfield
EDUCATION QUEENSLAND
LEARNING AND DEVELOPMENT CENTRES (GIFTED AND TALENTED)
Centres are located at schools throughout Queensland to support the development and implementation of gifted education programs and practices across Queensland districts.

THE ASSOCIATION FOR INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS OF QUEENSLAND (AISQ)
First Floor, 96 Warren Street
(PO Box 957)
SPRING HILL QLD 4000
Phone: (07) 3228 1515
Fax: (07) 3228 1575
Email: office@aisq.qld.edu.au

QUEENSLAND CATHOLIC EDUCATION COMMISSION
Catholic Education Office, Catholic Centre
143 Edward Street
(GPO Box 2441)
BRISBANE QLD 4000
Phone: (07) 3336 9306
Fax: (07) 3229 0907

SOUTH AUSTRALIA
GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN’S ASSOCIATION OF SOUTH AUSTRALIA (GTCASA) INC
The Resource Centre holds parent and teacher reference and information books, along with classroom and general resources and conference proceedings and information. It stocks local, interstate and overseas journals, and periodicals and textbooks on education of gifted students.
GTCASA Resource Centre
433 Fullarton Road
(PO Box 1)
HIGHGATE SA 5063
Phone: (08) 8373 0500
Fax: (08) 8373 0588
Email: info@gtcasa.asn.au
Web: http://www.gtcasa.asn.au

TASMANIA
TASMANIAN ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN
The association aims to provide information, education, counselling support, library materials and children’s activities for gifted children in Tasmania. A newsletter is published by the association.
GPO Box 1942
HOBART TAS 7001
Phone (03) 6227 9746
Email: tasgifted@tassie.net.au
Web: www.tasgifted@tassie.net.au or http://www.neat.tas.edu.au/tasgifted/

VICTORIA
KRONGOLD CENTRE – CLAYTON CAMPUS
Psychoeducational Assessment and Education Programming Advice: Gifted and Talented Children Counselling for Gifted and Talented Children.
Coordinator: Leonie Kronborg
Phone: (03) 9905 5690
Email: Leonie.Kronborg@education.monash.edu.au
LOCAL GIFTED EDUCATION NETWORKS
Local Gifted Education Networks provide a framework for local support to teachers, parents and gifted students. Local networks are spread across the state. Each network has a designated network coordinator who arranges meetings and events and is a point of contact for parents and teachers.

VICTORIAN ASSOCIATION FOR GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN
Support group for parents and teachers. Site includes links and outlines of programs in Victoria.
P.O. Box 132
CAUFIELD SOUTH VIC 3162
Phone: (03) 9887 9290
Email: info@vagtc.asn.au
Web: http://www.vagtc.asn.au/

WESTERN AUSTRALIA

GIFTED AND TALENTED CHILDREN'S ASSOCIATION OF WA
GATCA WA is dedicated to the recognition of the special needs of gifted and talented children and their families. GATCA provides a counselling, education and advocacy support for families and is increasingly also providing support for teachers. Regular information nights are held along with special events for parents and Professional Development opportunities for teachers with local and interstate presenters. The newsletter, Grapevine, is published four times per year.
GATCA maintains a library of resources for parents and teachers and is actively advocating for gifted students. GATCA is affiliated with the Australian Association for the Education of Gifted and Talented.
Cost:  
  Family Membership $50.00
  Additional newsletter $10.00
  Concession Membership (copy of card needed) $25.00
  Country/Interstate Membership $25.00
  Institutions (3 newsletters + unlimited places at workshops) $70.00
Contact: Kriss Muskett (Secretary)
Phone: (08) 9385 7962
Email: muskett@indigo.net.au or gatca-wa@gatcawa.org
Web: http://www.gatcawa.org

PROFESSIONAL ASSOCIATION OF PARENTS AND TEACHERS OF THE GIFTED (PROAPT)
ProAPrT aims to provide a professional and collegial support network for those interested in the education of gifted and talented students, in addition to encouraging quality provision for these students. A range of professional development opportunities are offered, including seminars and workshops. PEAC teachers located at PEAC centres are available for PD to schools, teachers and parent groups, on application. Membership is open to all those involved in the education of Gifted and Talented Students. ProAPrT is affiliated with the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented.

Contact: Helen Mills (Secretary)
Email: mills@q-net.net.au
Web: http://www.proapt.net
## COMPETITIONS

### AUSTRALIAN SECONDARY SCHOOLS EDUCATIONAL TALENT SEARCH (ASSETS)

| Nature of Activity | The Australian Secondary Schools Educational Talent Search (ASSETS) is a testing program for academically gifted school students in Years 7-9, initiated by the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at The University of New South Wales, in association with the Belin Blank International Centre for Gifted Education and Talent Development at The University of Iowa. The test administered is based on a United States college entrance examination. A talent search is not a competition. The concept of an academic talent search was developed over 20 years ago to identify talented high school students in the USA. The goal of talent searches is to identify, through above-level testing, students who need further educational challenge to fully realise their potential. Above-level testing is an educational procedure in which a test developed for older students is administered to younger gifted students. |
| Age Groups | Students in years 7, 8 & 9 who meet qualifying criteria |
| Cost | $99 by post, $88 if registering online. Fees waived for students whose parents are holders of pensioner concession cards. |
| Prizes | All students receive a comprehensive report indicating outcomes which can then be used to assist schools in individualising student programs. High scoring students are invited to attend an ASSETS Residential Program (see Programs section) - a one week residential offering intensive workshops and opportunities for leadership, social development and career insight. A recognition ceremony is also held to celebrate the achievements of these students and their key teachers. |
| Contact | Coordinator, Talent Search Programs Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) Phone: (02) 9385 1948 Web: [http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au](http://gerric.arts.unsw.edu.au) |

### AUSTRALIAN MATHEMATICS COMPETITION (AMC) WESTPAC AWARDS

| Nature of Activity | Primary and Secondary students have the opportunity to enter this competition through their school. Students complete a series of questions under timed conditions. Closing date is usually 31 March while the AMC is held on the closest Tuesday to 1 August. |
| Age Groups | Years 3- 6 Intermediate Paper (Years 9 & 10) Senior Paper (Years 11 & 12). |

### AUSTRALIAN PRIMARY TALENT SEARCH (APTS)

| Nature of Activity | The Australian Primary Talent Search (APTS) is a testing program for academically gifted primary school students in years 4-6, initiated by the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) at the University of New South Wales, in association with the Belin Blank International Centre for Gifted Education and Talent Development at The University of Iowa. The EXPLORE test is administered in May at centres across Australia. A talent search is not a competition. The concept of an academic talent search was developed over 20 years ago to identify talented high school students in the USA. The goal of talent searches is to identify, through above-level testing, students who need further educational challenge to fully realise their potential. Above-level testing is an educational procedure in which a test developed for older students is administered to younger gifted students. |
| Cost | $99 by post; $88 if registering on-line. Fees waived for students whose parents are holders of pensioner concession cards. |
Hold pensioner concession cards.

Prizes

Certificates.
All students receive a comprehensive report indicating outcomes which can then be used to assist schools in individualising student programs. High scoring students are invited to attend a week-long residential program offering intensive workshops and opportunities for leadership, social development and career insights. A recognition ceremony is also held to celebrate the achievements of these students and their key teachers.

Age Groups
Upper Primary who meet qualifying criteria

Contact
Coordinator, Talent Search Programs
Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC)
Phone: (02) 9385 1948
Web: http://www.arts.unsw.edu.au/gerric/

ASX SCHOOLS SHAREMARKET GAME

Nature of Activity
Take a hypothetical $50,000, create your own virtual share portfolio and experience what it is like to invest in the sharemarket without spending a cent of your own money! The challenge is to increase the value of your share portfolio in a set time frame. Simulates real sharemarket conditions as you buy and sell shares online using "real time" share prices.

Cost
Free

Age Groups
Years 7 - 12

Prizes
Total prize pool $12,500

Contact

AUSTRALASIAN SCHOOLS COMPETITIONS
(English, Maths, Writing, Science, Computing)

Nature of Activity
Internationally available tests administered by Educational Assessment Australia. Tests focus on critical thinking, reasoning and problem solving and are not curriculum linked. The Competition results provide valuable diagnostic information that can be used to assess student strengths and weaknesses and to assist with the preparation of appropriate learning experiences. Entries close from end April, tests administered May and June.

Cost
English $6.60
Science $6.60
Writing $12.10
Computer Skills $6.60
Mathematics $6.60

Age Groups
Years 3-12

Prizes
High Distinction, Distinction, Credit, Achievement Certificates awarded depending on results.

Contact
For further details please contact:
Educational Assessment Australia
Telephone: (02) 8344 1010
Facsimile: (02) 8344 1030
Email: info@etc.unsw.edu.au

BILLITON AWARDS

Nature of Activity
The BHP Billiton Science Awards recognise and reward both students undertaking scientific research and innovative, committed science teachers at primary and secondary levels. The student awards reward young people who have undertaken practical research projects that demonstrate innovative approaches and thorough scientific procedures. There are four categories of awards: biology & microbiology; chemistry & biochemistry; physics, engineering & technology and environmental & earth sciences.

Awards/Prizes
Over 100 cash prizes and trips for students, plus an award for the school producing the most prize-winning entries. There are four winners each year.
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<th><strong>BHP Billiton Science Awards</strong></th>
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<td><strong>One winner per category.</strong> Each winner receives $1,000, a commemorative plaque, a trip on an exciting two-day Science Camp and travel to the Presentation Day event in Melbourne. They also win a plaque for their school. Twelve finalists win $100, a trip on the exciting two-day Science Camp, a Certificate of Excellence and travel to the Presentation Day event in Melbourne. Encouragement prizes of $50 and a Certificate of Merit are awarded to 100 applicants of a high standard. Prize packs are awarded to 50 primary-aged students. The school that produces the most prize-winning entries wins an award of $2,000.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>Entry is free.</td>
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<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>The BHP Billiton Science Awards are open to all Australian permanent residents enrolled full-time in primary or secondary schools in Australia (including home-schooled) or undertaking full-time secondary study in TAFE colleges. Groups of up to three students may enter (school and class group entries may also be considered).</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Contact</strong></td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://scienceawards.bhpbilliton.com">http://scienceawards.bhpbilliton.com</a></td>
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<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>The aim of the Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards is to <em>capture the imagination of every school student in Australia, inspiring them with a passion for poetry.</em> It is a unique National project, giving Australia's young people a voice and an opportunity to strive for excellence in literature.</td>
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<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>All school aged children</td>
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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>$11 per school</td>
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<td><strong>Prizes</strong></td>
<td>A range of plaques, trophies and cash prizes.</td>
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<td><strong>Contact</strong></td>
<td>The Dorothea Mackellar Poetry Awards PO Box 113 GUNNEDAH NSW 2380 Phone: (02) 6740 2233 Fax: (02) 6740 2237 Email: <a href="mailto:dorothea@northnet.com.au">dorothea@northnet.com.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.dorothea.com.au/">http://www.dorothea.com.au/</a></td>
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<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>Competitions run in Western Australia, Victoria, Tasmania, South Australia and Northern Territory which seek to encourage primary and secondary students’ interest in science, technology and engineering. Register in May, submit entries by end of July, winners announced September.</td>
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<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>All primary and secondary students from K Year 10</td>
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<td><strong>Prizes</strong></td>
<td>Prizes for regional and state winners, all participants receive a Certificate of Participation. Additional prizes are offered by Scitech in WA.</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Contact</strong></td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.engquest.org.au/">http://www.engquest.org.au/</a></td>
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<th><strong>FELLOWSHIP OF AUSTRALIAN WRITERS AWARDS</strong></th>
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<td><strong>Nature of Activity</strong></td>
<td>The Fellowship of Australian Writers administers several national competitions and awards for young writers: poetry, short stories and creative writing including the Hilarie Lindsay Awards, an annual school writing competition. Also provides access to publishing chances in school magazines (NSW); Free xpresSion, Voiceworks – magazines for children. Entries are due by the end of November.</td>
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<td><strong>Age Groups</strong></td>
<td>10 to 14 years and 15 to 20 years. Open categories also available.</td>
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<td><strong>Cost</strong></td>
<td>From $3 to $10</td>
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<td><strong>Prizes</strong></td>
<td>From $50 to $350</td>
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<tr>
<td><strong>Contact</strong></td>
<td>PO Box 3036 RIPONLEA VIC 3183 (please enclose a stamped self addressed envelope if you require a reply) Phone/Fax: (03) 9528 7088</td>
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### FORD MATHS TALENT QUEST

**Nature of Activity**
A project based mathematics competition open to all students. Selected entries are forwarded to national level. Projects can be in the form of models, posters, games, technology. The topic is open. Aims to promote interest in and awareness of maths amongst students, teachers, parents. Information is sent to schools.

**Awards/Prizes**
Monetary prizes depending on sponsorship

**Cost**
- Members: starts at $16.50
- Non-members: $27.50
- Discounts for multiple entries

**Age Groups**
Lower primary, upper primary, secondary.

**Contact**
- MAV Professional Officer (student activities)
  - 61 Blyth St
  - BRUNSWICK VIC 3056
  - Phone: (03) 9380 2399
  - Fax: (03) 9389 0399
  - Email: office@mav.vic.edu.au

### FUTURE PROBLEM SOLVING

**Nature of Activity**
Future Problem Solving originated in Athens, Georgia, 28 years ago as an innovative program to encourage gifted students. The aim of the program is to challenge and motivate gifted students to think more creatively by becoming involved in activities to increase the flexibility, fluency, originality and collaboration of their thinking, develop research skills, improve communication skills and solve problems by thinking critically and analytically. These students have something to tell us all about future directions for the world, especially in the field of virtual corporations - as well as about the fun and challenge of international competition, and pride in representing Australia.

**Cost**
Entry ranges from $80 per entry to $115, depending on type of entry.

**Age Groups**
K-12

**Contact**
- Problem Solving Program Australia Inc
  - Level One, 5 Robinlee Avenue
  - PO Box 4350
  - BURWOOD EAST VIC 3151
  - Phone: (03) 9886 4646
  - Fax: (03) 9886 4747
  - Email: (Allyson Bougoure) office@fpsp.org.au
  - Web: [http://www.fpsp.org.au](http://www.fpsp.org.au)

### HARVEY NORMAN OZ SPELL

**Nature of Activity**
Harvey Norman OZSPELL - The Australian Spelling Championship is a national spelling competition for school-age students. All entered teams are provided with a spelling reference. Competition begins at school level and moves to regional then national level. Can be included in class programming or as individual work.

**Age Groups**
10 - 14 years

**Cost**
$35 per school registration + $4 per student

**Prizes**
The OZSPELL National Champion receives a $10,000 savings account and a $20,000 computer and software prize for their school. All who enter the competition receive a Certificate of Participation.

**Contact**
Web: [http://www.ozspell.com/pages/competition.html#school](http://www.ozspell.com/pages/competition.html#school)

### MURDER UNDER THE MICROSCOPE

**Nature of Activity**
A simulation game with an environmental focus where students in class teams work to solve a problem in an ecosystem and devise a management plan for the area. Utilises ecosystems around Australia. Students investigate a ‘crime’
and present evidence and solutions to the problem, preparing a catchment management plan.

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<th>Awards/Prizes</th>
<th>All teams receive a prize for participating. Eco-sleuths and Eco-planners receive a framed certificate.</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>$33 per team (whole class or small group)</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Years 5-8.</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Email: <a href="mailto:catchment.hq@tafensw.edu.au">catchment.hq@tafensw.edu.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.microscope.edu.au">http://www.microscope.edu.au</a></td>
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MUSEUM EUREKA PRIZES

Nature of Activity | An opportunity for gifted science students to undertake authentic research projects. The prestigious Australian Museum Eureka Prizes raise the profile of science in the community by acknowledging and rewarding outstanding achievements in Australian science and science communication. Science rewarded through the Eureka Prizes covers a broad range of research, innovation, engineering, training and other science-related activities highlighted by individual prizes. Begun in 1990, the Eureka Prizes have grown into Australia's premier and most comprehensive national science awards. |
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<tr>
<td>Awards/Prizes</td>
<td>Monetary prizes as well as nominated prizes donated by science organizations and groups. Range from $4,000 to $10,000 per prize. Total of $220,000 awarded in 2004.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>No entry fee.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Candidates for Eureka Prizes can enter themselves or be nominated by others. Secondary students are entitled to enter using standard entry form.</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Postal Address Office of NHMRC (MDP 100) GPO Box 9848 CANBERRA ACT 2601 Phone: (02) 6289 1555 (Department of Health and Ageing) Toll Free: 1800 020 103 (inside Australia only) Email: <a href="mailto:exec.sec@nhmrc.gov.au">exec.sec@nhmrc.gov.au</a> Web: <a href="http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka">http://www.amonline.net.au/eureka</a>)</td>
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NESTLE WRITE AROUND AUSTRALIA

Nature of Activity | A writing competition for students in years 5 & 6. Students write a 500-word short story and enter it. At first level, a group of regional winners are chosen and they attend a workshop with a published author in a regional centre. They then have the chance to rewrite their story to improve it and re-enter it. A regional winner is then chosen. Competition is associated with State Libraries. |
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<td>Awards/Prizes</td>
<td>All students who reach the first level receive a back pack of Nestle products and the opportunity to work with an author. Finalists at regional level receive books for their school. Final prizes vary but include computers, books.</td>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>Free. Entry forms come to schools and local libraries.</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Years 5 &amp; 6 (6 &amp; 7 in QLD &amp; WA)</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.writearound.com.au">http://www.writearound.com.au</a></td>
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ROBOCUP

Nature of Activity | RoboCup is an international joint project to promote AI, robotics, and related fields. It is an attempt to foster AI and intelligent robotics research by providing a standard problem where a wide range of technologies can be integrated and examined. RoboCup chose to use the soccer game as a central topic of research, aiming at innovations to be applied for socially significant problems and industries. |
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<tr>
<td>Contact</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.robocup.org">http://www.robocup.org</a></td>
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### ROBOCUP JUNIOR

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<tr>
<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Students design and create robots to perform specific tasks. There are three divisions: soccer, open and junior dance, and premier and junior reserve. Workshops are also available for students and teachers. Robocup Junior is a national competition with state events and an Australian open event.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Primary and secondary</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Information on each State and the National event can be found at Web: <a href="http://www.edex.com.au/lego/rcjr">http://www.edex.com.au/lego/rcjr</a></td>
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### SUSTAINABILITY PROJECT

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>An exciting national competition which rewards secondary school students for environmental projects undertaken in the classroom or individually. Free support and resources are available to assist teachers and students tackling environmental issues.</th>
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<td>Secondary Students</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Free</td>
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>Each year there are more than $40,000 worth of prizes to be won.</td>
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| Contact            | SLC Project Coordinator  
Phone: (02) 9385 4979  
Fax: (02) 9385 4834  
Email: SLP@fbe.unsw.edu.au  

### SCREEN It!

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>Australian Centre for the Moving Image presents a National moving image competition designed to encourage imagination and inventiveness in Australian children and to help foster a new generation of young film makers. Entries accepted from individuals or groups.</th>
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<tr>
<td>Cost</td>
<td>$25 per entry</td>
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>Prizes include cash, technology and audio-visual equipment.</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Primary school students Years 1 -7</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.htm">http://www.acmi.net.au/screenit.htm</a></td>
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### THE FARM TO TABLE CHALLENGE

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>This is a hands on competition where students in a school team must grow, produce, package, market and sell ‘regional food’ using traditional or artisan growing or production methods. School teams can work with local community members to learn the methods needed for growing and producing food but must be in charge of the process, growing and marketing themselves. Rules are available at contact address. Assessment criteria for entries include: creativity, authenticity of methods used, innovation in packaging, quality of food product.</th>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>All costs involved in completing the task are up to the school. No cost to enter.</td>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Secondary students.</td>
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| Contact            | Email: farm@younggourmet.com  
Web: [http://www.younggourmet.com/](http://www.younggourmet.com/) |

### THE YOUNG GOURMET GASTRONOMY COMPETITION 2005

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>A competition about food with an emphasis on fun. Categories of entries include: food literature - poetry and short story; food art – any media depicting food and the elements of fire, water, air, earth; recipe writing – creating a recipe relating to the elements.</th>
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<td>Awards/Prizes</td>
<td>A prize pool including equipment, recipe books, workshops that will be added to as competition continues.</td>
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TOURNAMENT OF MINDS

Nature of Activity
A program designed to encourage students to develop problem solving skills that enable them to solve a complex problem that focuses on language/literature, social sciences or maths/engineering. Students work in teams of seven over a six week period to solve a problem and then present it to judges. Works at a regional, state and national level. Problems are demanding and open-ended and students are encouraged to be resourceful in their use of materials and to work without any adult input.

Awards/Prizes
Every team member receives a participation certificate. Winning teams receive a shield at regional level for display in own school for a year. Winning teams at state and national level receive a certificate and a medal each.

Cost
$125 per school
$40 per team. Schools can put up to 6 teams into the tournament.

Age Groups
Years 4 – 10. Teams are in two divisions: Primary and secondary. Some limits put on team composition to ensure a spread across the years.

Contacts
NSW Director, Tournament of Minds
GPO Box 3086
SYDNEY NSW 2001
Phone: (02) 4952 2698
Fax: (02) 4952 9734
Email: nsw-director@tom.edu.au
Web: http://www.tom.edu.au

WORLD OF ESCHER TESSELATION CONTEST

Nature of Activity
This is a challenge to create new designs using the work of Escher and tessellations as the stimulus. Any materials can be used: watercolour, pencils, pen and ink or computer generation. Entries must reflect the symmetry artworks of Escher. Entries sent over the web must be in JPEG format.

Awards/Prizes
Chosen entries are displayed on the web site.

Cost
Free

Age Groups
Open competition

Contact
Web: http://www.worldofescher.com/contest/

FURTHER ACADEMIC COMPETITIONS

Nature of Activity
A list of other competitions focussing on Mathematics, Science, English and Computing with information and contact details

Awards/Prizes
Each competition has individual awards

Cost
Varied

Age Groups
Varied

Contact

NEW SOUTH WALES

INTEL YOUNG SCIENTIST OF THE YEAR

Nature of Activity
Students can enter individually or as a team. For years 7-12, a team consists of two students working together. For years K-6 a team consists of up to four students working together. Teams share prize money. To be eligible for prizes, you need to design and conduct a scientific investigation, then present your work in one of the following four categories of entry: Scientific Report, Science and Technological Design, Science and Information & Communication Technologies (ICT), Science and Creative Expression.

Entering the competition provides access to material about science processes and criteria for assessment of entries. Excellent supporting material to develop
skills and knowledge of science.

**Awards/Prizes**
All category winners will receive a cash prize, a Certificate of Excellence, IMAX passes plus a book from Jacaranda. In addition all first place winners receive a trophy.

**Cost**
Free entry and workshops during year

**Age Groups**
Years K-2, Years 3-6, Years 7-9 or Years 10-12.

**Contact**
Science Teachers Association of NSW
Web: [http://www.stansw.asn.au/](http://www.stansw.asn.au/)

### LIONS YOUTH OF THE YEAR

**Nature of Activity**
The Quest is designed to encourage student interest in leadership and the qualities required to take an active and constructive role in the community. It does this by selecting an outstanding young person from candidates throughout Australia to travel overseas and act as an ambassador for Lions Clubs International Multiple District 201. Students from many nations meet to discuss a wide range of international issues. They also have the opportunity to learn leadership, management and community service skills from groups of professional men and women throughout the world. Promotes a high level of academic, leadership, sporting, public speaking and citizenship achievement in its potential winners. Judging occurs at six levels: club, zone, regional, district, state and national.

**Awards/Prizes**
All State Champions will win a trip to the National Convention to compete for the title of National Lions Youth of the Year. In addition the National Lions Youth of the Year Winner is awarded an overseas trip to represent Australia at an International Youth Conference and other countries of choice or undertake a specific overseas study tour. A separate prize is also awarded to the Public Speaking Winner who receives a Youth Exchange trip to New Zealand. All National Finalists receive an organised group tour of Australia during the Christmas holidays (approx. 35 days) plus $500.00 allowance for any out of pocket expenses they incur on the trip around Australia. Certificates of recognition are awarded at all levels of judging for the overall heat winner and the Public Speaking Section winner.

**Cost**
Free entry. Sponsored by a local Lion’s Club member.

**Age Groups**
Youths between 16-19 years as at 30th June in the year in which the National Final is held and who are attending or have attended a high school in any other educational establishment, including correspondence school.

**Contact**
Local Lions Club, District Chairman, State Coordinators
Quest Chairman for Australia, Brian Curran
Email: bbcurran@tpg.com.au

### PREMIER’S READING CHALLENGE

**Nature of Activity**
The Premier’s Reading Challenge is a special initiative of the Premier of NSW, Mr Bob Carr, presented by the NSW Department of Education and Training to foster a love of literature and to encourage children to read widely for leisure and for pleasure. Students enter through their school. A reading list of recommended books is made available and students are asked to read at least 20 books from the list, recording their reading as they go. Books range from contemporary fiction through to classics and non-fiction. Material also includes some reading of media. The challenge can be completed in Terms 1, 2, 3 of any school year. These Challenges are open to all students from Years K-8 in 2004 in NSW government and non-government schools, home schools and accredited International schools. Teaching notes and an excellent reading list are provided.

**Cost**
Free. The school needs to register in February of any school year.

**Age Groups**
Years K-8: There are four levels of challenge.
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| **Contact** | QAMT  
c/- School of MSTE  
QUT Kelvin Grove Campus  
Victoria Park Road  
KELVIN GROVE QLD 4059  
Web: http://www.maths.uq.edu.au/qamt/ |

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| **Contact** | Ms Fiona Meyer  
Phone: (07) 3356 4455  
Fax: (07) 3365 4570  
282 Stafford Road  
STAFFORD QLD 4053  
Web: http://www.opti-minds.com/index.html |

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| **Contact** | QLD Director, Toowoomba Education Centre  
PO Box 598  
DARLING HEIGHTS QLD 4350  
Phone: (07) 4630 1722  
Fax: (07) 4630 2060  
Email: info@tec.qld.edu.au  
Web: http://www.tom.edu.au |

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| **Contact** | Ann and John Baker  
214 Tarata Road  
GUANABA QLD 4210  
Fax: (07) 5533 2916  
Email: admin@naturalmaths.com.au  
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c/- School of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education  
QUT Kelvin Grove Campus  
Victoria Park Road  
KELVIN GROVE QLD 4059  
Phone/Fax: 07 3864 3920  
Email: qamt@qut.edu.au  
Web: http://www.maths.uq.edu.au/qamt/ |

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| **Contact** | Science Teachers Association of Queensland (STAQ)  
c/- School of Mathematics, Science and Technology Education  
QUT Kelvin Grove Campus  
Victoria Park Road  
KELVIN GROVE QLD 4059  
Phone/Fax: (07) 3864 3340  
Email: STAQ@qut.edu.au  
Web: http://www.staq.qld.edu.au |

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| **Contact** | Queensland History Teachers’ Association (QHTA)  
PO Box 1029  
NEW FARM QLD 4005  
Phone: (07) 3254 3342  
Fax: (07) 3358 5881 |
**GIDGITS GREAT IDEAS COMPETITION**

**Nature of Activity**
A competition designed for girls interested in information and communication technologies organised by the Queensland Society for Technology in Education (QSITE). Students create projects using computer technology.

**Cost**
Please contact QSITE

**Age Groups**
Primary and secondary

**Contact**
Queensland Society for Technology in Education (QSITE)
PO Box 8
RED HILL QLD 5059
Phone: (07) 5429 5214
Fax: (07) 5429 5284
Web: http://www.qsite.edu.au

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**QLD YOUNG ACHIEVER AWARDS**

**Nature of Activity**
The purpose is to acknowledge and recognise the achievements of Queensland’s youth in seven categories: Community Service, Sports, Arts, Environment, Career Achievement, Science and Technology, and Regional Initiative.

**Cost**
Nil

**Age Groups**
14 - 26 years

**Contacts**
Queensland (National Office)
86 Minnie Street
SOUTHPORT QLD 4215
PO Box 7044
BUNDALL MC 9726
Phone: (07) 5531 1541
Fax: (07) 5531 1341
Email: info@awardsaustralia.com
Web: http://awardsaustralia.com/qld2.htm

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**GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY EXCELLENCE EXPO**

**Nature of Activity**
Participants enter a project display for a specified area of space. The entry must be research based and have a theme chosen from one of the four themes: to bring Australians together; to save the environment; to use Australia's potential globally; and to ensure a healthy life for all Australians. Participants may enter as a group or individually.

**Cost**
$22

**Age Groups**
Years 6 - 12

**Contacts**
Griffith University Excellence Expo
Office of Community Partnerships
Logan Campus
GRIFFITH UNIVERSITY QLD 4131
Phone: (07) 3382 1244
Web: www.griffith.edu.au/ua/aa/sta/admission/expo/home.html

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**SOUTH AUSTRALIA**

**SCIENCE PROGRAM EXCITING CHILDREN THROUGH RESEARCH ACTIVITIES (SPECTRA) AWARD**

**Nature of Activity**
Students complete a series of science activities based upon a chosen area.

**Age Groups**
Junior SPECTRA Years 1-4; SPECTRA Years 4-9

**Cost**
$7.50 per topic card

**Prizes**
Students qualify for a badge and certificate upon the competition of three activities from a topic card.

**Contact**
SPECTRA Awards
PO Box 334
**OLIPHANT SCIENCE AWARDS (South Australian Science Teachers Association)**

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>The Oliphant Science Awards are a wonderful opportunity for school students from Reception to Year 12 to develop their interests in science through a competition with a range of categories to suit a wide variety of abilities and interests.</th>
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<td>Year Levels: R-2, 3-5, 6-7, 8-9, 10-12</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>Individual Entry $6 or Group Entry $10</td>
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>The SASTA Oliphant Science Awards recognize excellence of entries through prizes supported by our Sponsors. The total value of prizes in cash and in kind is approximately $20,000 per year.</td>
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| Contact                          | South Australian Science Teacher’s Association  
1st Floor, 211 Flinders St  
ADELAIDE SA 5000  
Phone: (08) 8224 0871  
Fax: (08) 8224 0805  
Email: office@sasta.asn.au  

**TASMANIA**

**ASIA-WISE COMPETITION**

| Nature of Activity               | A research based competition structured as a series of multiple questions that will require students to use the library, atlases and other resources to research the answers. It is definitely not just a memory test. Project questions may include  
- Location  
- Sport and recreation  
- Interpretive questions  
- Famous people  
- Religions and culture  
- Politics  
- History  
- Climate  
- Grid maps  
- Trade  
Competition runs between August 2 and 13. |
|----------------------------------|--------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Age Groups                       | Upper level: approx ages 14-16  
Lower level: approx ages 12-13                                                                                                                                                                     |
| Cost                             | $4.50 per student plus a handling charge of $20 per school.                                                                                                                                        |
| Prizes                           | You will receive ranked listings of your students’ results. Your students will receive certificates recognising their performance at the following levels:  
High Distinction (Top 5%)  
Distinction (Next 10%)  
Credit (Next 15%)  
Merit (Next 20%)  
Participation |
| Contact                          | Check the sample questions on [www.GiantClassroom.com](http://www.GiantClassroom.com)  
The Director, Asia-Wise Competition  
18 Aberdeen St  
HOBART TAS 7000  
Phone: (03) 6231 2885  
Fax: (03) 6231 4552  
Email: nationaladminawc@edupro.com.au |
### TASMANIAN DEBATING UNION

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<th>The Tasmanian Debating Union organises schools debating competitions in Tasmania and selects and trains Tasmanian teams to compete in the Australian Debating Championships.</th>
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<td>Selection for state and national level; certificates.</td>
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| Contact            | Finlay Watchorn Building  
32 Murray St  
HOBART TAS 7000  
GPO Box 16  
HOBART TAS 7001  
Phone: (03) 6220 2722  
Fax: (03) 6223 1609 |

### MONASH ENGINEERING MODEL SOLAR VEHICLE CHALLENGE - TASMANIAN VERSION

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<th>Student teams build cars or boats powered by solar energy, which are raced first in a round robin and subsequently in a knockout competition. Primary and junior secondary students may participate in two boat race competitions and any students (mainly middle and senior high students) compete in the car race. Each team must submit a poster.</th>
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<td>Age Groups</td>
<td>Students to Year 8 can compete in the boat event, all school students in the car challenge.</td>
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<td>Cost</td>
<td>School registration (including first car or boat) $55 (inc GST), $22 (Inc GST) per entry other than the first.</td>
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>Shields and plaques are awarded to top place-getters along with discretionary prizes for best engineered car, most innovative boats, best team uniforms and posters, etc. The top four cars and boats from each division are invited to the national event.</td>
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| Contact            | Monash Engineering Model Solar Vehicle Challenge  
Dept. Mechanical Engineering, Monash University, Caulfield Campus  
PO Box 197  
EAST CAULFIELD VIC 3145  
Phone: (03) 9903 1808  
Fax: (03) 9903 2766  
Web: http://www.modelsolar-vic.net |

### TASMANIAN SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

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<td>Contact</td>
<td>Web: <a href="http://www.key.org.au/stat/talent.htm">http://www.key.org.au/stat/talent.htm</a></td>
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### VICTORIA

### FORD MATHS TALENT QUEST - LOCAL VERSION

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<th>Nature of Activity</th>
<th>A project based mathematics competition open to all students in Victoria. Selected winning entries forwarded to National competition. Projects can be in the form of models, posters, games, technology (CDs, videos, web sites, etc). The topic is open so have fun! MTQ aims to promote interest in and increase awareness of mathematics amongst students, teachers and parents. Information on web site, also sent to schools.</th>
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<td>Lower Primary, Upper Primary, Secondary</td>
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<td>Members - starts at $16.50, Non - members - $27.50. Discounts for multiple entries</td>
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>Monetary prizes depending on sponsorship.</td>
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| Contact            | MAV Professional Officer (Student Activities)  
61 Blyth Street  
BRUNSWICK VIC 3056 |
### MONASH ENGINEERING MODEL SOLAR VEHICLE CHALLENGE

**Nature of Activity**
Student teams build cars or boats powered by solar energy, which are raced in a round robin and knockout competition. Primary and junior secondary students participate in two boat race competitions and all students can compete in the car race. Each team also submits a poster.

**Awards/Prizes**
Shields and plaques are awarded to top place getters. Discretionary prizes also awarded for other categories (e.g. innovation in design team uniform, poster). Top four cars and boats are invited to attend national event.

**Cost**
School registration: $55 (inc GST) then $22 per entry after the first one.

**Age Groups**
Students to year 8 for boat event.
All school students for car challenge.

**Contact**
Monash Engineering Model Solar Vehicle Challenge  
Dept. mechanical Engineering  
Monash University, Caulfield Campus  
P.O. Box 197  
EAST CAULFIELD 3145  
Phone: (03) 9903 1808  
Fax: (03) 9903 2766  
Web: [http://www.modelsolar-vic.net](http://www.modelsolar-vic.net)

### SCIENCE DRAMA AWARDS

**Nature of Activity**
This program helps to foster creativity and integrate the study of science with reading, writing, music, art and the performing arts.

**Awards/Prizes**
Student awards: cheque from sponsors for major and minor bursary winners. Medallions for major winners and certificates for all entrants.

**Cost**
$40 team fee, maximum 30 performers allowed

**Age Groups**
K-12

**Contact**
Project Officer, STAV  
P.O. Box 109  
COBURG VIC 3058  
Phone: (03) 93853901  
Fax: (03) 9386 6722  
Email: stav@stav.vic.edu.au  
Web: [http://www.stav.vic.edu.au](http://www.stav.vic.edu.au)

### SCIENCE TALENT SEARCH

**Nature of Activity**
The aim of the search is to stimulate an ongoing interest in the serious study of science by encouraging independent self-motivated project work amongst students of science. It gives students the opportunity to communicate their achievements to a wider audience by recognising effort and achievement in a scientific enterprise, and promotes the direct involvement of the students in the process of science and its communication. It gives the public at large an opportunity to see the quality of work being achieved in science, by both primary and secondary students. Students can enter into eight sections of the program: experimental research, creative writing, working models and inventions, computer games, posters/scientific wallcharts, video productions and scientific photography.

**Awards/Prizes**
Cheque from sponsors. Medallions for major winners and certificates for all who entered.

**Cost**
$6 individual and $12 for groups

**Age Groups**
K-12

**Contacts**
Project officer  
STAV, P.O. Box 109
|Nature of Activity| Writing competition for Year 9 & 10 students. Commemorates the Gallipoli campaign and ANZAC traditions. Involves a 900-1200 word essay or a 15 minute audio/visual presentation.|
|Awards/Prizes| Prize for 2005 is a trip to the Western Front for ANZAC Day 2005.|
|Cost| Free|
|Age Groups| Years 9 & 10|
|Contact| Simpson Prize secretariat
P.O.Box 361,
ABBOTSFORD VIC 3067
Phone: (03) 9415 1299
Fax: (03) 9419 1205
Email: Trish.Hollonds@vcta.asn.au|

**WESTERN AUSTRALIA**

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|Contacts| Manning Library
Phone: (08) 9450 4450|

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|Contact| Kaye Rebola I and Public Relations Officer at Murdoch University
Phone: (08) 9360 6760
Email: k.rebola@murdoch.edu.au
Web: http://evchallenge.murdoch.edu.au/|

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**COBURG VIC 3958**
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Fax: (02) 9386 6722
Email: stav@stav.vic.edu.au
Web: http://www.stav.vic.edu.au
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>Trophies and certificates</td>
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<td>Contact</td>
<td>MAWA Office Address 12 Cobbler Place (PO Box 440) MIRRABOOKA WA 6061 Phone: (08) 9345 0388 Email: <a href="mailto:office@mawainc.org.au">office@mawainc.org.au</a></td>
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<td>WA students Years 1-10 in various categories, ten entries per class.</td>
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<td>Prizes</td>
<td>Three prizes awarded for each age group presented in Children's Book Week in August.</td>
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<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Contact: Sue Ruse Phone: (08) 9384 2498 Email: <a href="mailto:harusepx@bigpond.com">harusepx@bigpond.com</a> Web: <a href="http://www.cbc.org.au/wa/myosb.htm">http://www.cbc.org.au/wa/myosb.htm</a></td>
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<td>$7 per student</td>
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<td>Contacts</td>
<td>Email: <a href="mailto:office@maths.uwa.edu.au">office@maths.uwa.edu.au</a></td>
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<td>The Science Talent Search, run by the Science Teachers’ Association of WA, is open to students from K-12. The competition invites entries in the categories of Investigations, Inventions, Web page Design, Science Photography and Posters. Information booklets are sent to schools and individuals in April each year with on-line entries open in May. Entries may be from individuals, pairs or groups of three and entry is open to all Western Australian children.</td>
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| **Contact** | STAWA  
Phone: (08) 9244 1987  
Email: info@stawa.asn.au  

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<td>Based on the premise that, to take our place as a knowledge economy within the global community, Australians need to develop products, processes or concepts designed for the local and export market that add value to our locally produced primary products. Students are challenged to develop a product, process or concept to add value to an Australian primary product. Five entries per class, cash prizes plus prizes for schools. Entries close September.</td>
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| **Contacts** | Jennifer McMahon Project Officer  
Phone/Fax: (08) 9368 4178  
Email: vquest@iinet.net.au  
Web: http://members.iinet.net.au/~vquest/ |

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| **Contacts** | Swan - Phone: (08) 9267 9020  
Mundaring - Phone: (08) 9295 1275  
Kalamunda - Phone: (08) 9257 9969  
Armadale - Phone: (08) 9399 0125  
Email: midland-library@swan.wa.gov.au |

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| **Contacts** | Geraldton Library Service  
Phone: (08) 9956 6659 |

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<td>Evelyn H. Parker Library - Tel: 08 9381 5088</td>
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PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT
http://www.myfuture.edu.au - lists courses available across Australia and career possibilities for those with training in gifted education.

CERTIFICATE OF GIFTED EDUCATION (COGE)
University of New South Wales

The Certificate of Gifted Education is a program designed to equip teachers and school administrators to respond to the academic and social needs of gifted and talented students. The Certificate trains educators in the skills needed to identify intellectually gifted students and to design appropriate curricula and programs. Running over three sessions in the school vacations, to cater for teachers from all over Australia, New Zealand and South East Asia, the program is led by Professor Miraca Gross and a team of experts in gifted education from Australia, the United States and Canada. COGE is offered in Sydney and other cities. COGE can be counted towards a Master of Education degree at the University of New South Wales and other universities. Further details are available from the Gifted Education Research, Resource and Information Centre (GERRIC) on (02) 9385 1972.

MASTER OF EDUCATION SPECIALISING IN GIFTED EDUCATION
University of New South Wales.

Students undertaking a Master of Education at UNSW can specialise entirely in the education of gifted and talented children and adolescents. This includes courses on current issues in gifted education; identification of gifted students; developing a differentiated curriculum; development of special programs; the social and emotional development of gifted students; developing a curriculum focussing on affective issues; individual research projects.
Contact: Professor Miraca Gross
Email: M.Gross@unsw.edu.au

DOCTOR OF PHILOSOPHY (PhD) DEGREE SPECIALISING IN GIFTED EDUCATION
University of New South Wales.
Contact: Professor Miraca Gross
Email: M.Gross@unsw.edu.au

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES
Newcastle University

A selection of courses has been developed within the Graduate Certificate in Educational Studies for students interested in gifted education. The program provides both theoretical and practical content and is intended for practising teachers and others with relevant experience who wish to gain postgraduate professional skills in the education of gifted and talented students. Content includes identification, cognitive competencies, curriculum and programming for gifted students. See the website for up-to-date information.

Web: http://www.newcastle.edu.au/study/courseinfo/postgrad

GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATION (GIFTED EDUCATION)
Charles Sturt University

This one year course covers the informal and formal means of identifying gifted and talented children, the creatively gifted child and mainstream policies and provisions. It also identifies how to integrate acceleration into the curriculum and how to program for individual gifted children. The graduate of this course should feel confident with gifted children in the school and classroom, and be able to provide advice to other teachers in the school. This course is offered off campus.

THE GRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN GIFTED EDUCATION
Flinders University

This course is a short version of the Master of Gifted Education. It is the equivalent of one semester full time, although most students are part-time. Lectures are held during school vacations in January and July for the convenience of teachers and students travelling for study to Adelaide from around Australia and overseas. The first topic is also available online.

The topics are:
Conceptions of Giftedness: the Creative Intellect
Critical Reasoning and Advanced Intelligence
Policy Design and Curriculum Modification for Gifted Students
Social and Emotional Development of Gifted Students

Contact: Maria McCann, School of Education
Phone: (08) 8201 3425
Fax: (08) 8201 3184
Email: maria.mccann@flinders.edu.au

MASTER OF EDUCATION
Curtin University of Technology

Credit is available for three units to applicants who have completed the Certificate of Gifted Education at UNSW. No units in Gifted Education are offered but some can be modified to take in an area of special interest such as gifted education. One Independent Project unit can be negotiated to focus on an area of gifted education.

Contact: Rozz Albon
Email: R.Albon@curtin.edu.au

MASTER OF EDUCATION: SPECIAL EDUCATION STRAND
Wollongong University

Undertaken as a post graduate Masters Degree. Strand of special education can focus on gifted students. Units available include: teaching gifted children, project in gifted education, giftedness in special populations, project in dual exceptionality.

Web: http://www.uow.edu.au/

POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE IN EDUCATIONAL STUDIES - GIFTED EDUCATION
The University of Melbourne

A practical knowledge of gifted learning is critical for twenty-first century teachers and schools. The Postgraduate Certificate in Educational Studies (Gifted Education) provides educators and related professionals with a contemporary, evidence-based knowledge of gifted and creative learning, pedagogy, curriculum and educational practice. The course is offered on a part-time basis over one year.

Contact: John Munro
Phone: (03) 8344 8334
POSTGRADUATE CERTIFICATE OF EDUCATION (GIFTED EDUCATION)
Monash University, Clayton Campus

The Postgraduate Certificate of Education (Gifted Education) will be offered in 2005.
Part 1. Gifted Education: Identification and Programming (semester 1)
Part 2. Advanced Studies of Gifted Education (semester 2)

The subjects taught in the Postgraduate Certificate of Education (gifted education) are assessed at the masters level, hence students can receive credit of twelve points for each subject. These subjects can also be taken for credit by students for the Masters by coursework program.


Master of Education (Special Education) – Students can use these gifted subjects as part of the Master of Education (special education). A practicum in gifted education is also available.
Contact: Leonie Kronborg
Phone: (03) 9905 5690
Email: Leonie.Kronborg@Education.monash.edu.au
Enquiries Office: (03) 9905 2819
Web: http://www.education.monash.edu.au/courses/postgrad/

UNDERGRADUATE STUDIES IN GIFTED EDUCATION
Monash University, Gippsland Campus

Bachelor of Education - Studies in Gifted and Talented Education are available for undergraduate teachers (primary and secondary) and teachers studying for their Graduate Diploma of Education.
- EDF4241- Gifted Education for the Classroom (available on campus and distance education).

Contact: Margaret Plunkett
Phone: (03) 5192 4275
Email: Margaret.Plunkett@education.monash.edu.au

TEACHING GIFTED STUDENTS
Southern Cross University

Focuses on the needs of gifted and talented learners. Students will become aware of the methods by which gifted and talented children are identified and will gain experience in planning and implementing enrichment and accelerated programs.
Bachelor of Education – 4th year teaching upgrade
Full time – 1 year; part time – 2 years. External course. 8 units.
Web: http://www.scu.edu.au/schools/edu/

UNIVERSITY OF NEW ENGLAND (UNE)
A post-graduate student may specialise in gifted education while completing a Masters level course, by coursework (MEd) or by coursework and thesis (MEd Hons). The coursework consists of choices from the undergraduate units, and more advanced units, for example, EDLT 584 Issues in Talent Development. Two reading units are available, in which the student negotiates the content and assessment with a supervisor. UNE has Doctoral programs, a Professional Doctorate DEd and a Research Doctorate PhD, in which the student may specialise in Education of Gifted Students.

Contact: Dr Peter Merrotsy, Lecturer in Gifted and Talented Education
Phone: (02) 6773 3832
POSTGRADUATE STUDIES IN GIFTED EDUCATION
Griffith University (GU) - Mount Gravatt and Logan Campuses

The courses are available only through part-time study in the Flexible Learning, distance education mode. The Graduate Certificate programs are designed to be self-contained, or to articulate directly into the Masters programs. There are no requirements for on-campus attendance and the practicum component can be structured around the development and teaching of an identifiable gifted education component/program in the student's setting. The courses are based on constructivist, adult and gifted education program principles and offer flexibility in the direction students may take in their study.

The "Gifted and Talented Learners Strand" of four postgraduate courses are:

- 7255CLS: Communication, Leadership and Gifted Learners
- 7256CLS: Intelligence, Creativity and Giftedness in Gifted Education
- 7257CLS: Program Development in Gifted Education
- 7258CLS: Gifted Behaviour: Social and Developmental Perspectives.

These courses may be accessed through a number of programs:

- Master of Special Education (5114 MSpEd)
- Graduate Certificate in Special Education (3020 GCertSpEd)
- Master of Education (5129 MEd)
- Graduate Certificate in Education Studies (3015 GCertEdSt).

A Master of Special Education with Honours component is available. There is a minimum completion time for the thesis of one year of part-time study. Completion of the Master of Special Education with first class Honours or second class (Division A) makes the holder eligible to apply for candidature in the Doctor of Philosophy (PhD).

Griffith University offers core content lectures on aspects of gifted education in the Bachelor of Education suite of courses taken by all undergraduate, teacher education students through the course:

- 3011CLS: Educational Psychology (core course).

Elective courses are offered in the undergraduate courses:

Bachelor of Education:

- 3251CLS: Educating Gifted and Talented Children
- A new ‘major strand’ of four courses in gifted education is under consideration for the Bachelor of Education Program.

Bachelor of Education (Advanced Professional Development)

These courses are offered in semesters 1 and 2, in the distance education mode:

- 4251CLS: Exceptional Learners in Regular Schools (a course on exceptional children and inclusion, with one theme on gifted children).
- 4252CLS: Educating Gifted Children.

Contact: Dr Harry Milne, Faculty of Education, School of Cognition, Language and Special Ed. Phone: (07) 3397 9603
Email: h.milne@griffith.edu.au
Griffith University (GU) - Gold Coast Campus
Associate Professor Neil Russell convenes the Vacation School courses in gifted education offered by Griffith University, Faculty of Education, School of Education and Professional Studies. Master of Education and Graduate Certificate in Special Needs Education Programs:
- 7251EPS: Gifted and Talented Children.
This course is offered as a one-week intensive course in both programs during the Spring School (the week of the mid-semester break in Semester 2).

Bachelor of Education (Primary) and the Bachelor of Education Inclusive Education Major elective:
- 4252EPS: Gifted and Talented Children.
This course is run during Spring School as a one week intensive program (the week of the mid-semester break in Semester 2).

For further information on Griffith University, Gold Campus gifted education courses, please contact:

Associate Professor Neil Russell PhD
Convenor - Undergraduate and Postgraduate Courses for Gifted and Talented Children
School of Education & Professional Studies
Griffith University - Gold Coast Campus
PMB 50 GCMC QLD 9726
Phone: (07) 5552 8868
Email: N.Russell@Griffith.edu.au

Professor Merv Hyde PhD
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School of Education & Professional Studies
Griffith University - Gold Coast Campus
PMB 50 GCMC QLD 9726
Phone: (07) 5552 8619
Email: M.Hyde@Griffith.edu.au

QUEENSLAND UNIVERSITY OF TECHNOLOGY (QUT)
In the undergraduate, Bachelor of Education, QUT offers an elective unit "Understanding and Educating Gifted Learners". This unit is part of an inclusive education pathway in the Course. This means students are able to select an area of interest - inclusivity - which enables them to specialise in topics related to inclusivity. There are six units in the pathway, one of which is Understanding and Educating Gifted Learners.

QUT also offers a Master of Learning Innovation which recently replaced the Master of Education coursework. This is a course that has no areas of specialisation but students are able to undertake independent studies in gifted education.

QUT offers a PhD and EdD program. In the last three years there have been three students with some interest in gifted education who have graduated. There are a small number of HDR students currently completing or enrolled in topics related to gifted education.

Academic staff at QUT provide regular professional development services and engage in contract research with schools in gifted education.

Contact: Dr James Watters, Associate Professor
School of Mathematics, Science and Technology, Faculty of Education
Phone: (07) 3864 3639
Fax: (07) 3864 3643
Email: j.watters@qut.edu.au
UNIVERSITY OF QUEENSLAND (UQ)
Contact: Professor Adrian Ashman, Head of Education
Phone: (07) 3365 6550
Email: head@uq.edu.au

JAMES COOK UNIVERSITY (JCU)
Potential topics for research students at James Cook University: Gifted Education in Far North Queensland.
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Lecturer and Coordinator, Tropical Bright Sparks Program
School of Education
James Cook University
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CAIRNS QLD 4870
Phone: (07) 4042 1320
Fax: (07) 4142 1312
Email: pamela.matters@jcu.edu.au
JOURNALS

APEX : THE NEW ZEALAND JOURNAL OF GIFTED EDUCATION
A refereed journal, the aim of APEX is to disseminate essays, research reports and critical comments in the broad field of gifted and talented children.
Journal available on line only, either by subscription or by membership of NZAGC.
Rates (New Zealand dollars): 1 year: $36; 2 years: $70; 3 years: $100; 5 years: $150.
Contact: Roger Moltzen
School of Education
University of Waikato
PB3105, Hamilton. NZ
Phone: (NZ) 07 8384695
Fax: (NZ) 07 838 4434
Email: rim@waikato.ac.nz

AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF GIFTED EDUCATION
The Australasian Journal of Gifted Education is published twice yearly, June and December, by the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented. Includes refereed articles about Australian research in gifted education, as well as summaries and contacts for all State Associations.
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CRITICAL AND CREATIVE THINKING: THE AUSTRALASIAN JOURNAL OF PHILOSOPHY IN EDUCATION
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Contact Gilbert Burgh
Critical & Creative Thinking
Contemporary Studies
University of Queensland, Ipswich Campus
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Web: http://www.WorldGifted.org

GIFTED CHILD QUARTERLY
Leading journal which publishes manuscripts that offer new or creative insights about giftedness and talent development in the context of the school, the home, and the wider society. The journal also publishes quantitative or qualitative research studies as well as manuscripts which explore policy and policy implications.
Web: http://www.nagc.org/Publications/GiftedChild
GIFTED EDUCATION COMMUNICATOR
The journal of the Californian Association provides information for teachers and parents. The Californian Association also has position papers available on their website about issues in gifted education. Gifted Education Communicator is issued four times during the year: Winter, Spring, Summer and Fall. Subscriptions are available to non-members at an annual cost of $35. Web: http://www.cagifted.org/index.html http://www.cagifted.org/Pages/Publications/communicator.html

JOURNAL FOR THE EDUCATION OF THE GIFTED
This is the official publication for The Association for the Gifted (TAG), USA. It features research articles on many aspects of giftedness, position and policy papers, descriptions of innovative programs, literature reviews and historical overviews.

Journal for the Education of the Gifted
Prufrock Press
P.O. Box 8813
Waco, Texas, USA 76714-8831
Web: http://www.prufrock.com

MINDSCAPE
Mindscape is the official journal of the Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children. Ms Judith Hewton (Editor)
282 Stafford Road
STAFFORD QLD 4053

ROEPER REVIEW
A Journal on Gifted Education
Cost: 1 year’s subscription @ US$85.00; 2 years’ subscription @ US$125.00
The Roeper Institute
PO Box 329
BLOOMFIELD HILLS
MICHIGAN 48303-0329
Email: info@roeperreview.org
Web: http://www.roeperreview.org

TALENT ED
School of Curriculum Studies
The University of New England
ARMIDALE NSW 2351
Subscription rates:1 years’ subscription @ A$24.00 or 2 years’ subscription @ A$44.00
Phone: (02) 6773 5081
Web: http://scs.une.edu.au/TalentEd/

TALL POPPIES
Tall Poppies is the journal of the New Zealand Association for Gifted and Talented Children, and is a magazine aimed at the family of the gifted child and professionals involved with child development. It includes articles, details of activities, children’s contributions and reviews of books and programs. Journal included as part of subscription to the association.
Contact: NZAGC
P O Box 46
Waitomo Caves
New Zealand
Web: http://www.giftedchildren.org.nz
TWICE EXCEPTIONAL
On-line journal aimed at helping twice-exceptional children meet their potential. Includes articles, profiles including resources, research findings, information about events and conferences, book reviews and recommendations.
Cost: $45 annually for 6 issues by mail; $35 annually for 6 issues by email
Web: http://2enewsletter.com/index.html

VISION
Journal of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children. Contents include articles on parenting, teaching, social issues, web site and book reviews, contacts for schools and programs and details of events and contacts in metropolitan and regional areas.
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- Individual/Family: A$50.00
- School/Institution: A$93.50
- Tertiary Student: A$40.00

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RECOMMENDED REFERENCES

Differentiated Programs for Primary Schools
Differentiated Programs for Secondary Schools
Eddie Braggett. Hawker Brownlow Education
These books outline practical and workable strategies for differentiating the curriculum for gifted students. They are a valuable resource in schools and can be used initiating, developing and maintaining programs to meet the needs of gifted students.

Educational Strategies for Gifted Children
Whitton, Diana (2002), Hawker Brownlow Education, Victoria

Exceptionally Gifted Children
Gross, Miraca (1993), Routledge, London
Examines the origin, development and school histories of 40 Australian children, the effects of their early school life on their educational and social development – how the normal school environment can affect exceptionally gifted children’s self esteem, self-concept, motivation, capacity to find and form friendships, and the children’s own attitudes towards their unusual abilities and achievements.

Exceptionally Gifted Children (Second Edition)
This second edition carries the stories of Miraca Gross’s highly gifted young people up to the present day, including their adolescence and young adulthood. Further details of childhood development are given and the book reviews a wealth of international research on gifted children and appropriate provisions.

Giftedness In Early Childhood
Harrison, Cathie (1999). GERRIC, University of NSW
Outlines giftedness in early development. Provides information on identifying young gifted children with advice on responding to their specific needs. A chapter is dedicated to supporting parents and families of young gifted children.

Gifted Students in Primary Schools: Differentiating the Curriculum
Gross, Miraca.U.M, Bronwyn MacLeod, Diana Drummond & Caroline Merrick (2001.)
GERRIC, University of NSW
Offers practical assistance for primary teachers from developing curriculum to understanding characteristics and needs of gifted students. Includes units of work.

Gifted Students in Secondary Schools: Differentiating the Curriculum ( 2nd edition)
GERRIC, University of NSW
Offers practical assistance for secondary teachers from developing curriculum to understanding characteristics and needs of gifted students. Includes units of work.

Gifted Young Children
A comprehensive guide to identifying and working with young children with advanced development. Identify young children and how to challenge them without pushing them too hard. A reference for early childhood professionals and useful resource for parents of children who are or may be gifted.

Growing Up Gifted, 5th Edition
Very useful and readable text that covers many aspects of providing for gifted students. Includes identification, creativity, school settings, differentiation and other issues that may arise. Has teaching strategies and ideas as well as theory.
GTCASA (1996) For Parents... The challenge of raising a gifted child
*Gifted and Talented Children’s Association of South Australia*, 2nd edition
Contact GTCASA, Phone: 8373 8500

**Habits of Mind: A Developmental Series**
A series examining issues of thinking and strategies for encouraging intelligent behaviour in classrooms. Many practical ideas for identifying, teaching and programming for thinking as well as assessing and including explicit instruction for thinking skills. Readable - a series of four small books.

**Handbook of Gifted Education**
*Nicholas Colangelo & Gary A. Davis (1992, 2nd edition). Allyn & Bacon, Boston*
A comprehensive coverage of many aspects of gifted education – identification and definitions, programming models and options, issues for counselling and chapters on special topics such as girls, youth issues, etc.

**Re-forming Gifted Education: Matching the Program to the Child**
*Karen B. Rogers (2002). Great Potential Press, Inc*
This book outlines various types of gifted children, as well as options for school enrichment and acceleration. Karen reports the effectiveness for each option according to the research. From her years of experience consulting with schools, she shows parents and teachers practical ways to design ongoing programs that best meet the needs of bright children.

**Teaching Gifted Kids in the Regular Classroom**
*Susan Winebrenner (1996). Free Spirit Press*
Practical and full of suggestions for programming, planning and creating challenging classroom content for gifted students in mainstream classrooms.

**The Gifted Enigma**
*Wilma Vialle and John Geake (Eds). Hawker Brownlow Education*
This collection of articles, published over the last decade in the Australasian Journal of Gifted Education, from Australian authors and based on research in Australian schools, has some interesting and thought-provoking reading.

**The Gifted Puzzle**
*Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT) Ltd (2004)*
A Video/DVD for parent discussion. Topics include identification, choosing a school, isolation, networks/ support, underachievement and siblings.
Contact your state Association Resource Centre or AAEGT representative in your state.

**Thinking, Feeling and Learning: Understanding the social and emotional needs of Gifted Students**
*1997 Department of Education and Children’s Services (South Australia)*

**To be Gifted and Learning Disabled**
*S. Baum, St Owen & J Dixon. Creative Learning Press, Inc.*
This book covers a wealth of background information in preparing teachers for addressing the needs of the gifted learning disabled. Identification, teaching and behaviour management strategies… case studies… programs… An interesting and inspiring read.

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GERRIC conducts a number of seminars for teachers during the year in addition to a series of seminars designed for parents of gifted children, in which teachers may otherwise be interested.

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WESTERN AUSTRALIA

Catholic Education Office
Gifted students are catered for within the Curriculum Framework, an inclusive framework for all students in Western Australia. Decisions on how best to cater for gifted and talented students are made on a school by school basis, with support available to teachers and administrators through the Catholic Education Office. Some students are catered for within the classroom and some schools offer pull-out programs for which a specialist teacher may be employed.

Network meetings for teachers focusing on gifted education are held jointly with AISWA on a regular basis. Schools further access professional development in the area of gifted and talented education independently as available.

Parents should contact individual schools to ascertain details of what is available.

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Association for Independent Schools of Western Australia (Inc) (AISWA)
Gifted students are catered for under the guidelines of the Curriculum Framework. Decisions regarding how best to meet the needs of individual gifted students are made at a school level with some students able to access pull out groups in schools where specialist staff are employed. Support is available to teachers and schools.

Network meetings, in conjunction with Catholic Education are held and teachers are advised of other independent professional development opportunities as they become available.

Parents should contact individual schools to ascertain details of what is available for their child.

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Department of Education and Training
Primary and secondary school-based provision occurs within the individual classrooms of all teachers on an ongoing basis. Additionally, schools may develop strategies, which allow the most able students to learn together.

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Supplementary provision enables the most gifted and talented students to interact with their peers in specific curriculum fields at higher levels than can normally be provided in the regular classroom or school. The resources for supplementary provision are centrally allocated and provide for approximately 2.5% of the population in a particular domain or area of talent.

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A part-time withdrawal program for upper primary school Years 5-7 students. Identified gifted and talented students are selected to participate in differentiated programs offered in a range of delivery modes. Schools and districts are responsible for the selection and implementation of this program.


The Special Secondary Placement Program (SSPP)
Offered for the purpose of providing gifted and talented students entering Year 8 in government schools access to a range of programs that meet their specific talents. This program operates in several metropolitan senior high schools with the Academic Talent Program (ATP) available online for rural students

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Students are placed into an SSPP school through rigorous selection processes that typically involve testing and performance assessment. Applications close in Term 1 when a student is in Year 7. Applicants are assessed during Term 2 and parents are notified of offers for placement in all programs by the end of semester.

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Advice for parents when talking to your school may be found at http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/gifttal/parents_talk.htm

Further information: visit the Department of Education and Training Gifted and Talented website at http://www.eddept.wa.edu.au/gifttal/
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