

LEADERSHIP

A Special Type of Giftedness

Brisbane: Year 5/6 Series 1

Inviting Year 5/6 students to

*‘So You
Want to be
a Leader’*

**21 & 22
September
2021**

Time: 9.30am—3.45pm

Venue: ACU, McAuley Campus,
The Gaudete Centre
Level 3, Mercy Building,
1100 Nudgee Road, Banyo

Fee: \$272 (incl. GST)

GATEWAYS



years of
inspiration
and challenge

There is a need for leaders in every facet of society – from Fortune 500 companies to small business, from universities to primary schools, from government to city councils, and so much more. Studies have identified specific traits that transform non-leaders into leaders. Although adults have the capability to develop leadership skills, children are much more open to skill development and change. Extensive research, including Barthold, 2014* supports the contention that leadership skill development must be seriously considered in childhood education. **Leadership is far too important for its teaching to be delayed until adulthood or even until the teenage years.** “*So You Want to be a Leader*” will provide an opportunity for gifted and highly able students to come together with like-minded peers to engage in a range of challenging workshops which will develop self-awareness, critical thinking, problem solving, communication and organisational skills.

Day 2

Visualisation and Leadership

with Liliane Grace

Day 1

What’s the difference between daydreaming and visualisation? What is the secret partnership between your conscious and sub-conscious minds?

How do leaders in athletics, music and other areas of life use the tool of visualisation to achieve their goals?

Be inspired by real-life stories about people who have overcome great difficulties or achieved great things by developing the skill of visualisation – many of them leaders in different fields and different ways. Learn about your amazing image-making brain and the fascinating fact that ‘neurons that fire together, wire together’. We’ll explore some visualisation activities that will get your neurons firing in the right direction, and then you’ll apply this tool to one of your own important goals. Visualisation is a skill that has the potential to transform your life as a leader!

Becoming a Good Negotiator

with Jacqx Melilli

Negotiation is an important life skill. It can involve anything from negotiating the amount for your pocket money or for household chores, which movie you want to watch, or how long you get to spend at your friend’s house. Later in life you will be negotiating more important things such as a salary, a car purchase, a rental lease, or possibly the roles and responsibilities of your team. This workshop will take you through the steps to becoming a great negotiator. This includes the art of listening carefully and understanding and respecting what the other person wants when making a deal. In this workshop, you will utilise a problem solving mindset that will result in a win/win outcome for all involved.

Marie Kondo Your Life!

with Sam Spencer

Have you heard of Marie Kondo, organiser extraordinaire, who encourages people to declutter their homes? By the end of this workshop, you’ll be feeling that very same sense of purpose and clarity – but about yourself, not your sock drawer! Great organisation is the key to success in so many areas of life – but what does it actually mean to be organised? What skills do you already have that might help? What’s the next step? How does being an awesome organiser contribute to being an effective leader and team member? In this workshop you’ll learn how to maximise your existing organisational skills (we all have them, even if your desk is a mess!), avoid problematic procrastination pitfalls (does anyone else find themselves side-tracked by cat memes and YouTube?) and evaluate how others can improve their organisation as well. Get set to systemise!

They Took The Road Less Travelled

with Ang Hewasiribaddana

We often think of great leaders as people who have planned their way, worked hard, achieved their goals and ‘made it’ to being a leader in their chosen area – but there are many, many stories of people who have planned one pathway to leadership roles, and ended up going in an entirely different direction (yet still becoming a leader – just not as they’d planned). Some of these journeys are from everyday ordinary people catapulted to unusual roles of greatness, and some are well-known stories you may be familiar with – but they all feature some key elements essential to develop as a leader. How would you have responded to some of the situations they found themselves in? Would you have made it as far as they have if you had been in their shoes? You’ll uncover some new skills in decision-making and flexible thinking as well as building on your resilience as we follow in their footsteps.

Conflict Resolution

with Jacqx Melilli

Every day we face conflicts and contradictions. Sometimes we call them problems or roadblocks. Each individual brings values, attitudes, habits, feelings and beliefs to a team. Rather than being a negative force, positively dealing with conflict can be a catalyst for growth. Understanding motivation and expected outcomes means that you can more constructively navigate your way through conflict. Whilst we will not be orchestrating or encouraging any real conflict, we will be discussing and identifying overt and subtle ways in which conflict can arise, looking at the no-blame approach and the use of restorative justice in this practical workshop.

Knowing Me, Knowing You—And Getting The Best From Both!

with Sam Spencer

What is emotional intelligence? And why do leaders need it? We can be leaders in our families, friendship circles, sporting teams and about a hundred other places, and being a great leader in every one of those situations is a LOT about people. Knowing who we are in ourselves and who those are around us really means we can get the best out of both when working in teams, using our awesomeness to achieve great things. So to that end - just how well do you know yourself? What are your special (maybe as yet unidentified!) skills and do you know how to realise your true potential through them? You’ll leave this workshop with an understanding of emotional intelligence, how to grow it within yourself and how to spot it in other people – all helping to make you a more observant, empathetic and in-touch leader!

‘So You Want to be a Leader’

Year 5/6: September 2021

Ang Hewasiribaddana is a qualified mainstream and Montessori teacher and has worked in education for the last decade in many unusual capacities – from being an immersion English teacher to gifted preschool students in Asia, to governing on a sheep station in outback Australia, to exploring alternative education environments in suburbia – and now working with G.A.T.E.WAYS. She is currently studying for her Master of Education (Gifted Education).

Jacqx Melilli is an accredited trainer and assessor and has a Master of Arts degree in Writing and Literature. Jacqx has worked at Southern Cross University Business School collaborating with lecturers and professors on tailor-made corporate programs for business leaders in executive positions, and at BeyondEdge as a team member in the creation of their eLearning programs for multinational companies and government departments. Course creations were focused on Leadership in Business, Business Management and Workplace Health and Safety policies. Jacqx is also a passionate Toastmaster.

Liliane Grace is the author of a number of ‘personal development novels’ for youth and adults. Her award-winning Young Adult novel, *The Mastery Club*, gave rise to a 10-week program (which also incorporates concepts related to visualisation). Liliane also teaches Creative Writing workshops and offers editing services. <https://lilianegrace.com>

Sam Spencer has an extensive history in human resources, coaching and mentoring (as well as a number of other interesting areas!). She is particularly interested in seeing gifted children and leaders recognise their potential through developing their understanding of self, their emotional intelligence and integrating effective goal setting.

How to apply

- Go to www.gateways.edu.au.
- Go to ‘Programs’ and select ‘Leadership’
- Click on ‘How to Enrol’
- Have your credit card ready to pay online and secure your child’s place.

Important information

- This program is in the school holidays.
- Parents can enrol their child directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS via the website.
- Students rotate through all three workshops on each day.
- Day 1 concludes with an activity to reinforce the day’s concepts.
- Day 2 concludes with a Q&A panel.
- Participants must attend both days.
- Bring writing materials, a snack, lunch and a drink

Day schedule

9.15 am	Registration
9.30 am	Start
3.45 pm	Finish

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