



G.A.T.E.WAYS and Arts Centre Melbourne

invite highly able Year 5 and 6 children

with a keen interest in ICT and music to

'Powered Up Podcasting!'

at The Channel, Hamer Hall – Terrace level, St Kilda Road, Melbourne*

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent organisation offering challenging and enriching activities and experiences to develop and extend highly able children. Established in 1994, G.A.T.E.WAYS runs a range of stimulating school programs as well as the Saturday *Brainwaves Club*.

Have you got something to say? Have you got a story to tell? Then *Powered Up Podcasting* is for you! You'll learn the art of creating your own podcasts that feature your voice, interviews with other people, music, and sound effects. We'll take you through using a microphone to record your voice onto a computer, editing sounds and putting the whole package together.

Here are a few ideas for your new podcast:

- Star Wars: Rogue One Movie Review
- Minecraft Tips for Beginners
- New Short Stories
- My Family History
- Caring For Your New Pony
- AFL Weekly Round Up

Not only will we show you how to make them, we'll show you how to share your podcasts with your friends, family and the world!

Requirements: * a small notebook, a pencil and eraser, a morning tea snack, lunch and a drink in a resealable container (no nuts please) or some money for lunch (we may walk down to Southbank)
* a blank USB stick on Day 2

The program has been designed to run over 2 days so that students can develop a deep understanding of the audio-editing software Sony Music Studio and the associated technology, as well as having time to explore musical ideas in a positive and creative environment. At the end of the 2 days, students will be able to take their work home on USB or have the files emailed to them.

Program Outline

Day 1:

We're going to introduce you to the basics of podcasting, starting off with listening to some examples and identifying the important elements. You'll learn how to operate a DAW (digital audio workstation) and use that to make clean audio recordings of your voice using a microphone. In the afternoon, we'll take you through developing your own idea for your show. We'll help you plan your introduction and a number of segments, interviews or features.

Day 2:

In the morning, we'll jump straight into writing and recording your podcast. You'll have time to record your voice and use the DAW to edit it to perfection. We'll help you compose a short piece of music that will be the theme to your podcast. In the afternoon, we'll put all of the pieces together to make a finished product and then show you how you can upload and share your work with your friends and family.

Preparation for the Program:

Get ready for "Powered Up Podcasting" by doing and thinking about the following:

- Listen to a variety of podcasts (Websites such as www.abc.net.au and www.bbc.co.uk and are a good place to start)
- What style are the podcasts? Are they fiction? Non-fiction?
- What elements make up the podcasts? How many people are talking? What other sounds do you hear?
- How long do the podcasts go for?
- What devices are you able to listen to podcasts on? Are you able to listen on an iPad? A laptop?

About the presenters

Amy Bennett, Joshua Cowie and Zoe Rinkel are Creative Learning Educators at The Channel at Arts Centre Melbourne. All are working radio producers, musicians, composers/songwriters and experienced in music and multimedia education. They have all worked at Arts Centre Melbourne presenting G.A.T.E.WAYS courses for many years and have extensive experience in teaching storytelling, filmmaking, animation, studio recording, music composition and multimedia production to young people.

- ****The Channel, Terrace level, Hamer Hall – entrance is at bridge/road level, facing the river and next to Fatto Cantina**