

LEADERSHIP

A Special Type of Giftedness

Melbourne | Year 5 | September Series

Inviting Year 5 students to

‘Leap Into Leadership’

**22 and 23
September 2021**

Time: 9.30am—3.45pm

Venue: City Cite

Level 12, 474 Flinders St
Melbourne

Fee: \$272 (incl. GST)

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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.** “*Leap Into Leadership*” 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 organizational skills.

Day 1

It's Entertaining with Debi Cohen

In this exciting workshop you will establish an event management business. Along with a team you'll create a company structure, meet with clients, brainstorm and plan an amazing event. There will be lots of resources available, but you'll need to negotiate, be super organised, stay on budget, be creative and think 'outside the box'. Not only that — you will be challenged when things go wrong! *Bring a notebook, calculator, writing materials, coloured highlighters and a ruler.*

The Listen Clinic with Cameron Semmens

Listening to others is one of the most powerful skills you can learn as a leader. Of course, there's listening to people's words, but you can also 'listen' to their bodies, through their body language. By developing your listening skills you can improve your interpersonal skills and your ability to work in and lead groups.

Becoming an Expert with Ron Thomas

Leaders go the extra mile: The focus of the first half of this session will be adding the magical touches. We'll demonstrate: the correct use of props; the correct use of palm cards; the importance of purposeful movement; how to enter and exit appropriately. You will experiment with wonderful structures for your speeches such as motifs, hierarchies and crescendos to make your speeches zing! You'll also learn how to inject humour and entertainment into your speech writing and speech delivery - as well as fabulous ways to open and conclude.

Leaders experiment: Then the group will plan and construct an captivating speech for delivery tomorrow. A special emphasis will be upon the new skills introduced in this session: structure, cards, props, purposeful movement and entrance and exit.

Day 2

Top Teams With Dan Nixon

The views and ideas that people bring to a group are very important. Equally important is that in a group, members need to feel a sense of belonging and ownership. In a high functioning, collaborative group, there is a level of care and connectedness. People feel valued, respected and above all they feel heard. This practical and fun workshop explores the ingredients required to create solid foundations for beginning groups and ways to maintain the energy, belonging and effectiveness throughout the life of a group. You will participate in activities that demonstrate, clear group 'culture building', an understanding of the importance of formulating your own principles in leading a group and also an exploration of communication skills that help you to facilitate the purpose of any group session.

Leadership in Action—Sink or Swim with Allen Dickson

Great leaders aren't afraid to swim against the tide. It's easy to float along with the current or just 'go with the flow', but it takes courage, originality and a plan to create change. So, what skills do you need to help you bring your goals to fruition? What habits (good or bad) do you have that can help (or hinder) your plans for making a difference? How can your beliefs and motivation affect your ability to overcome obstacles? In this workshop you will learn how to map out where you want to go and effectively steer your leadership.

Lay 'Em in the Aisles with Ron Thomas

Leaders know their audience: The final session's focus is to make your speech audience-capturing. Through the quality of your language ('the best words in the best order'), use of audience 'hooks', great presentation skills and 'showing not telling'.

Leaders 'Sharpen the Saw': Then you'll deliver your (3 minute) speech using everything you have learnt from the previous session to 'knock the socks off' the audience. You'll feel the buzz of having the audience as 'putty in your hands' and a surge in confidence after a

Meet Our Presenters



Dan Nixon is an owner and director of the television production company Pirate Size Productions, and Melbourne Young Writers' Studio, a storytelling education company. He is a teacher and lecturer at RMIT, JMC and the Victorian College of the Arts, and his main subject areas are professional communication, screenwriting and film studies.

Ron Thomas knows the fun of public speaking and the joy of moving an audience. He is director and facilitator of 'Speak with Power'. He has twenty five years' experience training primary and secondary students in public speaking, leadership and debating skills. Ron is a Gold Level (the Highest Level) Toastmaster and Area Humorous Speaking Champion. He has twice coached student teams to the Debating Association of Victoria Grand Final. He was Gifted and Talented Students Coordinator at his last school. Ron is a published poet and author and also runs writing (and many other) courses for teachers and students all over Australia.

Cameron Semmens is an award-winning poet, entertainer and poetry educator with 21 books to his name and 27 years' experience of sharing on the stage and the page. He makes his living through words: running workshops, designing books and performing live. He lives in the foggy, ferny forests of the Dandenong Ranges with his two young kids, Spencer and Mieka.

Debi Cohen is the owner of Especially Made For You and has been an event manager for well over ten years. Debi has run functions at countless well-known hotels including Crown, and many other venues in Australia and internationally. She has worked on some wacky projects, as well as many bar mitzvahs, christenings, private parties, charity and black-tie events.

Allen Dickson is an educator with a passion for ensuring learning is innovative, practical and enjoyable. For twenty five years he has combined classroom teaching with roles in various extra-curricular organisations where he uses a diverse range of unique skills to instil confidence in young people and to initiate change in classroom practice. Allen runs his own educational consultancy, RethinkPD. He speaks on a range of specialist issues (literacy, numeracy, thinking curricula, inquiry) both in schools and at conferences around the country.

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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.

Day schedule

9.15 am	Registration
9.30 am	Program commences
3.45 pm	Program concludes

Important information

- This program is held during the school holidays.
- Parents can enrol their child directly with G.A.T.E.WAYS via the website.
- Students rotate through both workshops.
- Bring writing materials, a snack, lunch and a drink

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