

LEADERSHIP

A Special Type of Giftedness

Melbourne: Year 5 Series 1

Inviting Year 5 students to

*‘So You
Want to be
a Leader’*

**1 and 2
April 2020**

Time: 9.30am—3.45pm

Venue: City Cite

Level 12, 474 Flinders St
Melbourne

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 organizational skills.

Day 1

Roles and Responsibilities in Leadership with Sarah Kinsella

What is your understanding of leadership and the role a leader plays? Is it just about telling people what to do? Certainly, leaders do have to be authoritative, make decisions and delegate tasks, but leadership is about so much more! A leader may have many roles - strategist, coach, talent advocate and navigator of change. In an increasingly global business market, we need to be able to adapt to suit the environment. Through a series of practical and challenging tasks, we will identify the essential attributes of effective leaders and experience the different roles. What are your own strengths and interests and how might these be harnessed when you are called upon to take a leadership role? We will work on using body-language, active listening and problem solving to help you discover your authentic leadership self and enable you to get the best out of your teams and networks.

What's Your Style? Personality Types with Alison Brown

What should we expect from an effective leader? Should she be organised and well-structured in her approach or flexible and adaptable to change? Should he be experienced and knowledgeable, or receptive to new ideas? Ideally, good leaders will possess all of these qualities to some degree, and will know how and in which circumstances to utilise different approaches. We can speak, theoretically, about the qualities of a good leader, listing commitment, responsibility, patience, vision, humility and fairness. To truly understand the qualities of a good leader, however, students need to experience first-hand what it feels like to work with a good leader, and what it feels like to lead. Through a variety of carefully planned, and other more spontaneous activities, students will have the opportunity to develop qualities that they can use in leadership roles for years to come.

Just Do It! with Ron Thomas

Public speaking is far from scary – with the right tips, it is downright fun. As leaders of the future you'll need to master the skills of clear and effective communication. First off, we'll get everyone improvising on a surprise *topic*. Then you'll be introduced to basic evaluation criteria - including coherence, presentation skills and language use – which you will use to critique each other's talks. We'll take what we've learned and give it another go. Now that you've taken the plunge, we'll dive deeper to discover how to prepare a powerful speech. The basic structure is pretty straightforward - from **beginning** (a clever opening, an introduction, and an audience 'hook'), then to **middle** (structural hints, signposts) and finally to **end** (summing up, linking to the start and ending spectacularly). Then all you need is to add is a little magic and you'll have a speech that **SIZZLES!**

Day 2

Stress Busters with Karen Macqueen

This workshop explores a range of different strategies which enable people to deal with the stress that they encounter in their lives. It is based on the idea that successful people deal with stress in a variety of ways that enable them to manage difficult situations in a positive manner. Through discussion and awareness, students will examine the nature of success and the crucial link between thought, self-talk and reality. Stress management through the use of relaxation, meditation, and other wellbeing practices will be investigated in relation to the individual's capacity to achieve success.

Setting Goals and Hitting the Mark with Allen Dickson

'Not everything that counts can be measured, and not everything that can be measured counts' – Albert Einstein

Gifted leaders seem to have an immeasurable quality, an effortless manner that encourages confidence in their leadership skills... but behind this seemingly natural exterior there are certain skills that are both quantifiable and able to be taught. Goal setting, active listening and the ability to trust others' initiative all form an achievable foundation for enhancing your leadership skills. When you set your goals, learn to AIM high so that you 'hit the mark'.

Secrets of the Experts with Ron Thomas

Now that you have the skills of preparing a speech under your belt, we'll concentrate on presenting this content effectively. We'll look at pacing your speech, using your body and voice to engage an audience, how to eliminate self-consciousness, and how to speak with confidence. You'll learn the power of the pause; how to vary pitch, pace, tone and inflection to generate passion and how to incorporate a touch of humour – if you can make people laugh, that always goes down well! You will do a short informative speech to put what you have learned into practice. By the end of the session you should be talking like a pro!

Meet Our Presenters



Sarah Kinsella is one of the most dynamic teachers of improvisation in Australia. You will have fun. You will find bundles of energy and potential you didn't know you had. You'll be inspired, and you will take away invaluable tips about story telling, body language and your brain. Sarah is a Brain Gym Instructor, Business Trainer and Assessor and has worked with many top Australian businesses to create personalised training programs to assist staff in communication, team building and customer service.

Alison Brown is a registered psychologist, an experienced teacher, a parent, and author. She has served as committee member and vice president on the boards of both the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children, and the New Jersey Association for Gifted Children. Having recently returned from living and working in New York and New Jersey for seven years, Alison has re-established her private psychology practice, with a particular interest in work with gifted children, their families and schools.

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.

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 instill 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.

Karen Macqueen is an experienced Wellness Educator who enjoys empowering others with stress management and relaxation techniques along with a practical awareness of holistic health. She believes through developing greater awareness and positive thinking skills children can learn about life, express their ideas and deal with challenges in a confident manner.

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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.

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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