



11th Asia Pacific Conference of Giftedness

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## YOUTH SUMMIT

### SMart TRaK: Innovation Generation

## A Program of Invention and Creative Thinking for Gifted Students

### What is this all about?

The 11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness is a 4 day conference for students, teachers, parents and educators involved in gifted education. As part of the conference, the Youth Summit SMart TRak program is a four day convention for gifted and talented students which provides an opportunity for like-minded students from all over Australia and the Asia Pacific to come together for a unique learning experience.

The Youth Summit SMart TRak program will develop creative thinking, critical thinking, problem solving and team work - all skills relevant in a world of dramatic change, and possibility.

### Who Can Attend?

The Youth Summit SMart TRak program is open to all students from Year 5 to Year 12 (or 8—18 years) who want to challenge their thinking. Students can be registered as a group or as individuals, independently or through their school. Registrations of 10 or more students are entitled to a group discount.

### How Does it Work?

The program is facilitated by experts in the field of gifted education. Parents, or their appointed guardians, will need to escort the students to the conference and pick them up at the end of each day. All students must be supervised by their appointed guardians outside of day time convention hours.

### How do I Register My Child or Students?

Click [here](#) to register on line or visit the website [www.gifted2010.com.au](http://www.gifted2010.com.au) To take advantage of discounted Early Bird rates, register before the 16th of April. Parents, teachers or guardians will not participate in the Youth Summit program but are invited to register for the Think Bank Program which will offer a range of sessions vital for parents and teachers of gifted children. The Think Bank Program runs concurrently with the Youth Summit and is also held at the Sydney Convention & Exhibition Centre, Darling Harbour.

Visit [www.gifted2010.com.au](http://www.gifted2010.com.au) to find out more about the Think Bank Program. More information on accommodation and registration can be found on Page 4.

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## Day 1 Thursday

Register and then join the opening of the Asia Pacific Conference for an inspiring talk about the possibilities for learning.

After this, be entertained, inspired and excited by Professor Nick Klomp, an Australian scientist with a focus on ecology and sustainability. He is an innovative presenter who will start your thinking about what inventions are needed in our world today.

A short break for food, and then come together to make music! Experience the thrill of being part of a drumming/percussion workshop with unusual and challenging percussion instruments and the feeling of being one of a large group creating joy and music together. No need for musical expertise – all you need is your hands, your laughter and a willingness to have a go!

Now you are part of the team, and ready to fire! Before the day's end you will have met up with your invention team- a group of people who you connect with from across the participants who will work with you during the week to invent. After a short break, see what it means to speed connect – to find out core details about someone and make connections that will result in you being a member of an invention team- 4-6 people who will work together. Meet others from your local area, your country or further away and form a team whose goal is to get to know each other well. Challenge your skills of friendship and communication! Find others who are like you!

## Day 2 Friday

Spend the morning with your team and others learning about inventing. You will rotate through 4 workshops that prepare you for work: creative thinking, the steps to invention, recording the process and critiquing an invention. These will prepare you for the rest of the conference. All sessions are interactive and will provide you with plenty of chances to try new things.

After lunch, meet an inventor (or two!). You will be able to hear what it takes to invent something that solves a problem – and ask questions about the process and the dilemmas. Who knows what you will discover?

Then a short session on the categories of inventions. Inventing isn't just a random act done when inspiration hits!

Next: time for some way-out thinking and creativity. Rube Goldberg was an inventor with imagination and a love of fantasy. Learn about his inventions and the try out your own skill at inventing a la Rube. Discover the problems he tried to solve with invention. Solve your own problems!

The end of the day? Nearly! A short time for you to meet with your team and share insights and ideas from the day. Make some decisions about your invention, share some of the new information you have learned and get ready for tomorrow.

But now for some time for pure fun! A visit to Sydney's Luna Park is the perfect mix of favourite rides, new attractions and a huge range of entertainment.



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## Day 3 Saturday



After an inspiring morning session you will spend the day working with your team to design an invention. You will have access to computer technology for creating your blueprint and some materials for testing ideas. This is hypothetical – you will have an idea, create it virtually and show how you see it being constructed and developed.

Over the day you will have 2 stop points: one when you meet with another team and critique their invention- sharing ideas and thoughts about your inventions. At the other stop point you will meet with a mentor who will also critique your thinking so far and talk with you about your plans.

You will eat when you need today, there will be no session breaks or changes of venue. It will be a day of excitement, work, challenge and team spirit.

**4 days of information, fun, interaction and work finishing in a presentation of exciting new inventions for the world today!**

## Day 4 Sunday

The final day- but the work is not yet done. In the morning, after a short inspirational talk you will work with teams from the Australian Theatre for Young People to develop a showcase 2 minute video of your invention. This will be something creative and quick – but by morning tea you will have something to show the panel this afternoon.

A short time then if you need to ensure everything is ready and plan how you will convince the panel that yours is the best invention for your identified problem.

After some lunch comes the crunch. In small groups each team will present to a panel of expert judges who will watch your video, listen to your presentation and then give you feedback and comments about your work. You will also be the audience for other groups – a chance to see just what has been happening while you have been busy!

Then to draw our event to a close you will attend the closing ceremony where overall best inventions will be commented on and everyone will applaud your excellent creative work.



## A Message from the Chair

On behalf of the Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented (AAEGT), we look forward to welcoming you to Sydney, Australia for the 11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness.

The theme of our conference is "Thinking Smart: Effective Partnerships for Talent Development", which signals our belief that we all need to work collaboratively to ensure that gifted students are provided with the best possible education.

The AAEGT is committed to raising the profile of gifted education through the promotion of professional knowledge and skills, policy development and advocacy, research and scholarship, and the dissemination of information. Hosting the Asia Pacific Conference in 2010 is part of that commitment. The Asia Pacific Federation is affiliated with the World Council for Gifted and Talented Children and holds its biennial conference in even years while the World Council holds its biennial conference in odd years. This provides members from the Asia Pacific rim an opportunity every year to gather together, to share ideas, and renew enthusiasm for meeting the needs of gifted children, their families, and their teachers. We invite you to join us for an engaging and thought-provoking conference in 2010.

Wilma Vialle, PhD  
Chair,  
11th Asia Pacific Conference on Giftedness

Denise Wood  
Youth Summit Chair

# Registration & Accommodation Details

## Youth Summit Registration

Registration Type	Before 16 April	Before 23 July	After 23 July
Member Registration	\$440	\$480	NA
Non Member Registration	\$480	\$500	NA
Group Registration (min 10)	\$400	\$420	NA
A Night At Luna Park	\$40	\$45	NA

Registration rates are for the 4 day Youth Summit SMart TRak program per person and includes lunch each day.

Member Registration is applicable to those who are current members of the AAEGT, affiliated state associations, the Asia Pacific Federation or WCGT.

### Accommodation

A range of hotel and apartment style accommodation options offering discounted rates have been made available through the conference website. All students must be supervised by a parent or guardian outside the times of the convention.

### Need More Information?

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