

QAGTC 2025 Children's Challenge Workshops for the Gifted

Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July 2025

Venue: Our Lady's College, Chester Road, Annerley.

Registrations close 21st June 2025

The event is convened by *The Queensland Association for Gifted and Talented Children Inc.* in conjunction with *Our Lady's College, Annerley.*

Challenge 2025 offers workshops for students aimed at providing valuable opportunities for gifted youngsters to experience the excitement of extending their learning in novel and engaging workshops conducted by experts in a variety of disciplines.

Gifted children can mix with like minds as they are encouraged to explore their potential. (Students are recognised as gifted when they can operate at levels of learning well above that which is normal for their age peers. Gifted education programs are designed to provide opportunities to engage with tasks achievable by students two years in advance of a gifted child's chronological age.)

This exciting program of workshops is specifically designed for gifted children in Queensland. QAGTC is a non-profit organisation run by volunteers to benefit gifted children. Information on the workshops on offer is included herewith.

QAGTC CHILDREN'S CHALLENGE 2025

Please select from options described below, then complete the registration and consent form available at www.qagtc.com.au (not qagtc.org.au)

Workshops require a minimum of 8 attendees for a session to run and maximum number is between 12 – 15

It is important that you register by the 21st June so we know if the required number per workshop has been achieved for each workshop to run. So share with your friends to encourage registration to attend the workshops.

STUDENTS, PLEASE READ Details of workshops before making your selection.

***NOTE:** Workshops are aimed at **two years in advance of school Year Level**. When you choose a workshop, please be aware that it is not like the regular curriculum for that Year Level. You are indicating that you look forward to working at an advanced level.

Note: If you are enrolled in year 2 at school you register for a year 2 workshop.

Full details and registration process is available at www.qagtc.com.au

WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS Prep to Year 3

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
P-3	<i>Fairy Tales can come True: Dare to write!</i> <i>Tuesday and Wednesday – 2 day workshop</i>	<i>Gail Young</i>
DESCRIPTION <p>‘Fairy tales can come true’ is an old, old song, but becoming a great writer ‘can happen to you’ on Tuesday and Wednesday, if you dare to write! We will share Favourite Fairy Tales and Nursery Rhymes and engage with the art of writing to create a dynamic story of your own choice. You will learn skills to persuade the reader to believe your tale is true with every clever word you write.</p> <p>This workshop is designed specifically for gifted children who have a real passion for writing and who will aim to meet deadlines. You will find out how to write sizzling starts, and clear and interesting paragraphs. Editing skills for publishing will also be highlighted. As young gifted writers, you will celebrate your writing through encouragement for oral presentations, supported readings, and group interactions in an imaginative Pantomime Book Launch Event.</p> <p><u>This is a 2 day workshop</u> for students in Prep, Yr 1, Yr 2, Yr 3: you NEED to attend BOTH Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July</p>		Requirements: <p>You need to bring writing materials (notebook, writing pencils, colouring pencils dictionary AND A copy of a fairy tale or nursery rhyme if you wish.</p>

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
P-3	<i>Puppets Galore</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION <p>Participants will use a variety of new and recycled materials to create unique puppets. They will look at the history of puppetry and the different styles of puppets used around the world. Characterisation including creative voice and movement techniques will be explored as participants give their character a voice and bring them to life. They will have the opportunity to work in groups to create puppet performances for presentation to their peers.</p> <p>This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July OR Wednesday 2nd July</p>		Requirements: <p>Levy \$5 paid with registration Materials provided</p>

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
P-3	<i>Create a Circus</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION <p>Does your child love dressing up and making people laugh? This is a drama workshop with a difference! They will create their very own character complete with wonderful dress ups and learn about many aspects of comedy and clowning including mime and movement, voice and characterization! This is a fun and interactive workshop that will have everyone in stitches! Inspire and empower participants to develop skills in the field of drama that are also transferable to real life situations such as leadership, confidence, self-esteem, clear and effective speech, physical and social development, lateral and imaginative thinking and teamwork.</p> <p>This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July OR Wednesday 2nd July</p>		Requirements: <p>nil</p>

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P-3	<i>Creative Clay Creations</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION Clay is an infinitely versatile and highly sensory medium and in this workshop participants will enjoy learning a variety of forming techniques to create unique hand built forms. They will utilise decorative techniques such as paddling, stretching and stamping using a diverse array of found materials and eco objects to achieve surprising textural effects. They will explore the theories of sculpture and learn about the different looks and materials that professional potters use. The session is great fun and will particularly engage kinesthetic learners who process information best through a 'hands-on' experience. Participants will learn about the versatility of clay and also learn about the history of pottery which is the most ancient and practical of all art forms. Everyone will take away a number of different pieces (these will not be fired but instructions for extending their life span will be provided by the artist.) This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1 st July OR Wednesday 2 nd July		Requirements: Levy \$5 paid with registration Materials provided

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P-3	<i>The Amazing Art Race</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION Explore a wide range of different creative activities with Bazil Grumble. This workshop is a truly action packed creative arts workshop perfect for those who like activities with a lot of diversity and interaction! Participants will work both individually and as a team to experiment with a range of artistic mediums. This session encourages participation, interaction, imagination and spontaneity. At the end of the session, they will create a gallery of their work and parents and caregivers will be given a personalized tour experience by their child giving which will boost their self-esteem while allowing them time to reflect on all that they have achieved in the session. This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1 st July OR Wednesday 2 nd July		Requirements: Levy \$5 paid with registration Materials provided

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P-3	<i>Lights, Camera, Action: Drama Fun!</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION We bring a huge box of dress ups so everyone can enjoy performing and playing a range of fun and interactive games of a theatrical nature! Learn new skills in improvisation, voice and movement, learn team building skills and resilience and have a good laugh in the process! This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1 st July OR Wednesday 2 nd July		Requirements: <i>nil</i>

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P-3	<i>Marvellous Mask Making</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION <p>Making a mask from clay is so much fun! Children can make anything they can imagine! Animals, monsters, aliens, funny faces, unicorns... the options are limitless! In this fun and hands-on workshop, participants will examine the significance, creation and techniques of use of masks in various cultures throughout history and design and create their own clay mask to take home. Clay is an infinitely versatile medium and in this workshop, participants will enjoy learning a variety of forming techniques to create unique hand-built forms. They will utilise decorative techniques such as paddling, stretching and stamping using a diverse array of found materials and eco objects to achieve surprising textural effects. We teach the children how to make their own mould and shape the clay into their preferred form. Once their mask is shaped, they start to decorate with ears, eyes, mouth, nose and much more. These decorative clay masks are an absolute hit with the children, as it allows their creativity to run wild! This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July OR Wednesday 2nd July</p>		Requirements: Levy \$10 paid with registration Materials provided

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
3-4	<i>BrickHackerZ: Unleash Your Inner Inventor — Hack, Build, Create!</i> <i>Tuesday</i>	<i>Michael Dash</i>
DESCRIPTION Spark your creativity in the BrickHackerZ workshop by DashX! Hack plastic building bricks into a unique robot—think dragons, robo-chickens, or anything you imagine! Make your own bricks by drilling, gluing, and wiring them! Then code them to life with drag-and-drop Scratch style programming. Keep your creation and take home over \$100 worth of gear! Students will build these four BitBloX <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • BrainBlock: Arduino microcontroller to power your robot • BlinkBlock: LED that lights up your creation • WiggleBlock: Motorized block that turns 180 degrees • MagBlock: Sensor for a magnetic wand or light-saber No experience needed—unleash your inner inventor! More details at qagtc.dashx.net More details at: qagtc.dashx.net Maximum of 12 in years 3-4 students. Tuesday 1 st July		Requirements: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • A Laptop (Mac or Windows – Not an iPad) • Student levy of \$20 payable with registration for a Robotics Kit

WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS Year 3 to Year 5

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
3-4-5	<i>Marvellous Mask Making</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
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3-4-5	<i>The Amazing Art Race</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
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3-4-5	<i>Full STEAM Ahead in Learning, Fun and Creativity!</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Michael Smith</i>
DESCRIPTION This STEAM activity is designed to spark curiosity and creativity in young learners by combining science, technology, engineering, art, and math in a fun, hands-on project. Students will work together to imagine, design, and build a creative solution to a real-world challenge—such as constructing a bridge from everyday materials or designing a working catapult. Through playful exploration and teamwork, students will learn to think like inventors, test their designs, and discover how different ideas come together to solve problems in exciting ways. This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1 st July OR Wednesday 2 nd July		Requirements: Levy of \$5 paid with registration Materials provided

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4-5-6	<i>Claymation Creation</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION Participants will create a Clay Animation sequence which will allow them to learn and develop skills in sculpture with clay, concept development and set and prop construction. The workshop is facilitated using frame by frame digital stop motion animation using the latest animation software which delights participants as it provides an immediate Clay Animation outcome. Maximum participants: 15 <i>This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July</i>		Requirements: <i>Levy of \$10 paid with registration</i> Material provided

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
4-5-6	<i>Drama-Rama Masterclass</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION This workshop promotes the development of confidence, communication, interaction and imagination. Students will enjoy performing and playing a range of fun and interactive games of a theatrical nature! They will learn new skills in improvisation, voice and movement, develop team building skills and resilience and have a good laugh in the process! <i>This one day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July</i>		<i>Requirements:nil</i>

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4-5-6	<i>Smart Phone Photography</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Bazil Grumble</i>
DESCRIPTION Taking photos is something that many of us do every day but how can our photos stand out and have that wow factor? In this workshop, students will learn how to use a smart phone to take photos that capture the imagination of the viewer. They will explore the concepts of composition including framing and learn about apps that can assist them to give their photos a unique and professional look. A range of subjects will be explored both indoors and outdoors in this action-packed day of learning. <i>This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July</i>		Requirements: <i>Each student needs to bring a smart phone or iPad to this session</i> <i>You must also bring a charger cord and the plug to connect to power.</i>

WORKSHOPS FOR YEARS Year 5 - Year 6

YEAR LEVEL	TITLE	LEADER
5-6	<i>Draw animals like a pro!</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Anita Thompson</i>
DESCRIPTION Learn skills to be able to draw lifelike portraits of animals. Using pastel pencils and paper and starting with some basic tutorials, you should be able to extend your skills to a pet portrait. <i>Bring along a colour photocopy head shot photo portrait (10 x 15 cm) of your favourite pet and see how you go. A copy of the photo on your phone for detail will be helpful.</i> This one-day workshop is on Tuesday 1 st July OR Wednesday 2 nd July Limit of 10 per class		Requirements: Levy of \$10 paid with registration Materials provided <i>Bring along a colour photocopy head shot photo portrait (10 x 15 cm) of your favourite pet and see how you go. A copy of the photo on your phone for detail will be helpful.</i>

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5-6	<i>Getting Organised in Chemistry</i> <i>Choose either Tuesday OR Wednesday</i>	<i>Sue Stevens</i>
DESCRIPTION All matter (stuff) is made of building blocks called atoms. Different types of atoms form different elements. There are lots of them and we may not have discovered them all yet. Could you predict an element that hadn't been discovered yet and even predict how it might look and behave? First, we'd have to examine different elements and see if they can be organized so that we might answer these questions. Come along and deepen your understanding of how our world uses atomic knowledge from medicine through to deep space exploration. <i>This one day workshop is on Tuesday 1st July and Wednesday 2nd July</i>		Requirements: <i>workbook, pencils/pens and glue</i>

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5-6	<i>BrickHackerZ: Unleash Your Inner Inventor — Hack, Build, Create!</i> <i>Wednesday</i>	<i>Michael Dash</i>
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