



Tournament of Minds

# TOM NEWS

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## Workshops for Everyone!

### 2010 Dates

#### School Registration

Open: Mon 8 February  
Close: Friday 28 May

#### Challenges Released

Friday 9 July 2010

#### Team Nomination

Open: Friday 9 July  
Close: Friday 30 July

#### Regional Tournaments

Central Vic: 28 August

Geelong: 22 August

Gippsland: 21 August

Goulburn Valley: 21 Aug

Lilydale: 21 August

Metro Central: 28-29 Aug

Metro North: 21-22 Aug

#### Victorian State Final

Sunday 12 September

La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

#### Australian-Pacific Final

Saturday 23 October

### ► PD Workshops for Teachers and Facilitators

Tournament of Minds offer a range of valuable Professional Development workshops especially useful for all new TOM Coordinators, team facilitators or interested teachers and parents.

#### Intro to TOM Workshop

We recommend all people new to the program attend an Intro to TOM workshop. It gives a complete overview of the TOM program including:

- The benefits of TOM for students, teachers and schools
- How to select a team
- Integration of TOM into the weekly timetable
- Administration of TOM including team management, parent information, staff support
- Valuable classroom strategies for your teams

We have Intro to TOM workshops in each of our regions, and you can attend any venue. The dates and locations are listed on page 2 of this newsletter.

#### Thinking Skills

In addition to our Intro to TOM workshops we offer a number of Thinking Skills workshops that are relevant for ALL teachers who wish to challenge and further develop the thinking of



of their students. Thinking workshops include:

- **The Spontaneous Challenge**
- **Thinkers Keys** with Tony Ryan
- **Habits of Mind** with Amanda Dressing
- **Thinking Skills** with Jane Kirkby (tbc)

Further information can be found on page 2 of this newsletter and on the Victorian Workshops page of the TOM website [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au).

### ► Drama Skills Student Workshop - Tues 13th July 2010 at La Trobe University, Bundoora

We are running a special full-day workshop for TOM teams/students from schools that have registered in the 2010 program. This workshop focuses on key skills such as story-telling, script writing and movement as a means for students to improve their selling of the Long Term Challenge solution. Cost is \$25 per student.

Register your team online now as there are very limited places. [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au).



# 2010 Workshop Program

Date	Workshop	Details
Tues 16 March	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (McKinnon) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: McKinnon Secondary College, McKinnon Road, McKinnon
Tues 20 April	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Glen Iris) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Sacre Coeur, 152 Burke Road, Glen Iris
Thurs 22 April	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Geelong) Cost: \$80	Time: 7.00-9.00pm Venue: Maguire Room, Sacred Heart College, Aphrasia Street, Newtown
Thurs 22 Apr	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Churchill) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Gippsland Education Precinct, Churchill
Thurs 29 April	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Wodonga) Cost: \$80	Time: 4.30-6.30pm Venue: Catholic College, Wodonga, 1 Bowman Court, Wodonga
Tues 4 May	<b>The Spontaneous Challenge</b> Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Boroondara Park Primary School, Almond St, Nth Balwyn
Thurs 6 May	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Bendigo) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: La Trobe University, Bendigo TBC
Thurs 13 May	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Greensborough) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Sherbourne Primary School, Outlook Cres, Greensborough
Thurs 27 May	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Footscray) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Footscray PS, Corner Barclay St & Geelong Rd, Footscray
Fri 28 May	<b>Thinkers Keys with Tony Ryan</b> Cost: \$240	Time: 9.00-3.30pm (FULL DAY) Venue: John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Bundoora <i>Cost includes lunch, morning and afternoon teas and a free set of the latest Thinkers Keys Cards</i>
Thurs 17 June	<b>Intro to TOM</b> (Mooroolbark) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Billanook College, 197 Cardigan Road, Mooroolbark
Thurs 22 July	<b>Unpacking the Challenges</b> (Canterbury) Cost: \$80	Time: 5.30-7.30pm Venue: Camberwell Grammar School, 55 Mont Albert Rd, Deepdene
Thurs 11 November	<b>Habits of Minds with Amanda Dressing</b> Cost: \$100	Time: 12.30—3.30pm (HALF DAY) Venue: John Scott Meeting House, La Trobe University, Bundoora <i>Cost includes a light afternoon tea</i>

**More Information:** All the latest workshop information can be found on the Victorian Workshops page of the national website [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au). Or to navigate from the home page: Branches > Australia > VIC > Workshops.

**Register online at [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au):** click 'TOM Portal', then [workshop registration](#). You do not need to log in or have a TOM Portal account or password to register for a workshop online.





# Tournament of Minds

Professional Development Program 2010



## Thinkers Keys

Presented by Tony Ryan



### Date

Friday 28 May 2010

9.00am—3.30pm

### Venue

La Trobe University, Bundoora

John Scott Meeting House—  
The Chamber

### Cost

**\$240 per person (incl. GST)**

Cost includes program materials, including a **free set of Thinkers Keys Cards**, lunch and morning and afternoon teas. A tax invoice will be generated and emailed when you register online.

### Register

Please register online via the TOM Web Portal at [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au) by Friday 21 May 2010.

### Workshop Overview

**Practical strategies for generating quality thinking in everyday learning.**

Based on the latest version of the Thinkers Keys program, this entertaining and practical workshop will provide you with a series of lessons and processes for enhancing the intellectual quality of your everyday lessons.

You will be offered strategies for:

- The creation of classroom climates that inspire students to consistently engage in high order thinking and deep understanding
- The implementation of the Thinkers Keys within specific sequences of instruction
- The application of the Keys to one of your Term 2 units
- The long-term sustainability of placing this workshop material into practice
- The enhancement of your own intellectual capacity

### About the Presenter

Tony Ryan is an educational consultant and writer, and offers professional sup-

port to school organisations throughout the world on issues such as lifelong learning, quality classroom practice... and enthusiasm for just being alive.

He has presented numerous keynotes and workshops at state, national and world conferences in the past 15 years. Tony also has been engaged as a teacher-in-residence in over 400 schools throughout several countries. In this role, he teaches extensively, and offers guidance to teachers with their everyday practice.

He is a prolific author of books on effective thinking and learning. These books include *The Ripple Effect*, *Thinkers Keys for Kids*, *Mindlinks*, *Brainstorms*, *Thinkfest* and *The Clever Country Kits*. His latest update of the Thinkers Keys features an exciting Pack of colourful strategies. His website and blog at [www.tonyryan.com.au](http://www.tonyryan.com.au) contain numerous free downloads of his material.

He is an ambassador for School Aid (<http://www.schoolaid.org>) a non-profit organization that encourages thousands of schools to co-ordinate their fund-raising activities for major local and global disasters.



Register online at: [www.tom.edu.au](http://www.tom.edu.au)

Click 'TOM Portal', then 'Workshop Registration'

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## RESOURCE ORDER FORM

Please fill out the details below and return with your payment. Cheques should be made payable to 'Tournament of Minds (Vic) Inc.' and forwarded to Ground floor, 123 Church St, Hawthorn 3122 or faxed to (03) 9818 8344. Please retain a copy of this form to serve as your tax invoice/receipt.

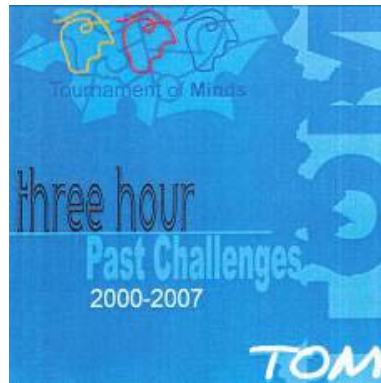
<b>TAX INVOICE</b>		Invoice No: TOMCD2010 Invoice date: 01/02/2010	
<b>Past Challenge CDs</b>	Qty	Price Incl. GST	Total
CD 3: Long Term Challenges, 1995-1999		\$35.00	
CD 5: Three Hour Challenges, 1995-1999		\$35.00	
CD 7: Spontaneous Challenges, 2000-2006		\$45.00	
CD 9: Long Term Challenges, 2000-2007		\$50.00	
CD 11: Three Hour Challenges, 2000-2007		\$50.00	
<b>TOM DVD</b>			
TOM Introductory DVD (30 minutes)		\$55.00	
<b>Intro to TOM Workshop 2010 CD</b>			
Our Intro to TOM Workshop on CD. Country schools only.		\$55.00	
<i>See over for further details on these products.</i>			<b>GRAND TOTAL:</b>

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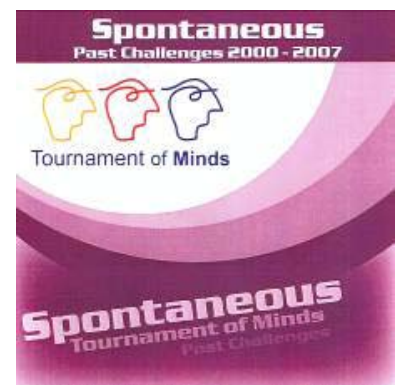


## Long Term and Three Hour Challenges

Each CD includes Maths Engineering, Language Literature and Social Sciences Challenges. They provide excellent curriculum material for multi-age groups and are well suited to high ability learners and multi-talented groups. They complement units of work in Maths, Technology, English, SOSE, History and Geography with whole class or small groups. Undertaking the Challenges builds team cooperation whilst encouraging independent learning which demands research, lateral and creative thinking and presentation skills. Overall they provide students with experience in Tournament of Minds challenges and processes.

## Spontaneous Challenges

The Spontaneous Challenges can be used with the whole class or small groups; as part of a program to develop problem solving and develop creative thinking; as early morning class warm ups; and to develop problem-solving skills necessary for Tournament of Minds.



## Informative DVD

Discover Tournament of Minds - a highly successful problem-solving program for teams of students from Primary and Secondary Schools. The 30-minute DVD outlines the structure of the program with contributions from students, parents and team facilitators. It is a useful tool to assist with fundraising. Successful strategies used in developing the necessary team skills are also outlined.

## Intro to TOM Workshop CD

This resource was developed with distant country schools in mind. If you are unable to attend any of our 'Intro to TOM Workshops' due to time/distance, this is for you. It contains the PowerPoint presentation, accompanying handouts, sample challenges, a video of both a Long Term and Spontaneous presentation, plus lots more useful resources to assist you put together and train a TOM team.

