



Tournament of Minds

TOM NEWS

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Celebrating TOM 2011

2012 Dates

2012 Registrations Open
Friday 2nd March 2012

Challenges Released
Friday 13 July 2012

Team Nominations
Open: Friday 13 July
Close: Friday 27 July

Regional Tournaments
Weekends 18-19 August
and 25-26 August 2012

Victorian State Final
Sunday 16 September
La Trobe Uni, Bundoora

Australian-Pacific Final
Saturday 20 October
Perth

Thank You!!

A big thank you to all TOM school coordinators, team facilitators, judges, parents and committee members who supported our program in 2011. We hope you and your students found it a rewarding, worthwhile and enjoyable experience. We look forward to your participation again in 2012.

Well Done Teams!

Congratulations to all teams on a fine effort at this year's Regional, State and Australasian Pacific Finals.

Many judges commented on the ability of the teams to produce won-



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derfully creative ideas and impressive presentations.

In particular, those State Finalists who prepare their presentation in a 3 hour limit are always a topic of wonder and awe in conversations with our judges.

The program encourages real life learning. The Challenges are not easy - with many rules to follow, forms to complete and limitations to consider!

Tournament of Minds is a process, and what's most important are the skills

that can be developed, the life experiences that can be gained and the very real learning that can take place through the team doing its best, honestly and with integrity. These skills will take team members much further and last far longer than the thrill of winning may do.

Anyone wishing to provide feedback on the program should download, complete and return the '2011 Feedback Form' from the Victorian page of the TOM website www.tom.edu.au.



AUSTRALASIAN PACIFIC FINAL 2011 VICTORIAN TEAM





The Hawker Brownlow Award for Excellence

Hawker Brownlow proudly sponsor a prize awarded at the discretion of each of the Victorian Regional Directors to a Primary team that exhibits outstanding values or qualities during the Regional Tournaments. The 2011 Winners are:

Bellbrae Primary School – Team 5 (Geelong Region) for outstanding Spontaneous problem-solving.

St Paul's Anglican Grammar School – Team 3 (Gippsland Region) for excellence in the Applied Technology Challenge.

Numurkah Primary School – Team 1 (Goulburn Valley Region) for outstanding Spontaneous problem-solving.

Macclesfield Primary School - Team 3 (Lilydale Region) for commitment, determination and team spirit in overcoming hurdles.

Lynbrook Primary School - Team 2 (Metro Central Region) for outstanding Spontaneous problem-solving.

Streeton Primary School - Team 2 (Metro Northern Region) for outstanding Maths Engineering presentation for such a young team.

We are most grateful to Hawker Brownlow Education for their generous sponsorship of this award and providing a selection of resource book to the winning schools.

Australasian Pacific Finals 2011—Hobart

The Victorian Teams performed very well at the Australasian Pacific Final at the University of Tasmania, Hobart on 15 October 2011. All team members did their team, school and state proud—both inside and outside the 3 x 3 metre square! Congratulations to the first placed teams at the State Final, listed in bold in the table below, that represented Victoria. A Victorian team photo appears on page one.

A special congratulations to **Billanook College** Team 2 (top right). They won **Tournament Honours** in the Applied Technology Challenge, Secondary Division. The creative team produced a technically clever stop-motion movie, mixing live action, plasticine figures and impressive digital special effects (two screen captures shown at right). A superb effort!



| STATE FINAL RESULTS 2011 | Applied Technology | Language Literature | Maths Engineering | Social Sciences |
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| PRIMARY | | | | |
| First Place | Sherbourne Primary School Team 1 | Haileybury College (Edrington) Team 1 | Firbank Grammar Team 1 | The Knox School Team 8 |
| Honours <i>(alphabetical order)</i> | Highton Primary School Team 1 St Michael's School (Berwick) Team 1 | Kardinia International College Team 5 St Margaret' School Team 1 | Girton Grammar School Team 5 The Knox School Team 6 | St Leonard's College Team 3 St Mary's Primary School (Thornbury) Team 1 |
| SECONDARY | | | | |
| First Place | Billanook College Team 2 | The Knox School Team 5 | Girton Grammar School Team 1 | The Knox School Team 4 |
| Honours <i>(alphabetical order)</i> | FCJ College Team 1 Girton Grammar School Team 4 | Kardinia International College Team 1 Mentone Grammar Team 1 | Billanook College Team 1 Catholic Regional College (St Albans) Team 1 | Avila College Team 2 Girton Grammar School Team 3 |

TOM Facts & Stats 2011

Teams by Region

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| Metro Central | 150 |
| Metro Northern | 96 |
| Lilydale | 60 |
| Gippsland | 53 |
| Geelong | 50 |
| Central Victoria | 42 |
| Goulburn Valley | 17 |

Teams by Division

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| Primary | 63% |
| Secondary | 37% |

Teams by Challenge

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| Applied Tech. | 11% |
| Language Lit. | 37% |
| Maths Eng. | 23% |
| Social Sci. | 29% |

Victorian Students

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| Regional Finals | 3,246 |
| State Finals | 371 |
| National Finals | 56 |

Schools

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| Government | 61% |
| Catholic | 22% |
| Independent | 17% |

Workshops

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| Student | 10 |
| Facilitator | 14 |
| Judge | 7 |

Registered Schools 2011

Alphington Grammar School Antonio Park Primary School Appin Park Primary School Armadale Primary School Avila College Bairnsdale Primary School Bairnsdale Secondary College Ballarat Grammar Balwyn High School Balwyn Primary School Bannockburn Primary School Barwon Heads Primary School Bayswater Primary School Beaconhills College Bellbrae Primary School Benteigh West Primary School Berwick Secondary College Billanook College Billanook Primary School Bimbadeen Heights Primary School Birmingham Primary School Blackburn Primary School Box Hill North Primary School Camberwell Grammar School Camberwell Primary School Camp Hill Primary School Carnegie Primary School Carrum Downs Secondary College Casey Grammar School Catholic College – Sale Catholic College – Wodonga Catholic College Bendigo Catholic Ladies College Catholic Regional College Chairo Christian School Christian College Bellarine Christian College Highton Churchill Primary School Clifton Hill Primary School Cobram Primary School Craigieburn South Primary School Croydon Secondary College Deepdene Primary School Deniliquin North Public School Donald High School Eltham East Primary School Eltham North Primary School Emmanuel College Emmanuel College – Warrnambool Emmaus College Essendon Primary School FCJ College Fintona Girls School Firbank Grammar Fitzroy North Primary School Flinders Christian Community College Flinders Christian Community School Latrobe Foster Primary School Girton Grammar School Glen Iris Primary School Glen Katherine Primary School Good Shepherd Primary School Goulburn Valley Grammar School Grovedale College Haileybury - Edrington Haileybury - Castfield Haileybury - Newlands Hamilton Gray Street Primary School Hampton Primary School Hawkesdale P12 College Hawthorn West Primary School Heathdale Christian College Highton Primary School Highvale Secondary College Highview Christian College Huntingtower School Iramoo Primary School Irymple Secondary College Ivanhoe East Primary School Ivanhoe Grammar School Ivanhoe Grammar School Ivanhoe Primary School Jells Park Primary School Jindivick Primary School John Paul College Kalinda Primary School Kardinia International College Kerang Technical High School Kew East Primary School Kingswood Primary School Kororoit Creek Primary School Korumburra Secondary College Kurnai College Kyabram P-12 College Lake Bolac College Lakeside Lutheran College Lalor North Primary School Lalor Primary School Lalor Secondary College Launching Place Primary School Lauriston Girls' School Lockwood Primary School Longford Primary School Loreto College Lowther Hall AGS Loyola College Lucknow Primary School Lynbrook Primary School Lyndale Greens Primary School Lyndale Secondary College Macclesfield Primary School Macleod College Maiden Gully Primary School Malvern Central School Marcellin College Marymede Catholic College Meadowglen Primary School Mentone Girls' Grammar Mentone Grammar School Merbein P-10 College Mill Park Heights Primary School Mitcham Primary School Montmorency South Primary School Moonee Ponds Central School Morang South Primary School Mount View Primary School Mt Clear Primary School Mt Evelyn Primary School Mt Lilydale Mercy College Murrumbena Primary School Nambrok Denison Primary School New Gisborne Primary School Newhaven College Numurkah Primary School Old Orchard Primary School Ormond Primary School Our Lady of Sion College Padua College Pakenham Springs Primary School Parade College Penleigh & Essendon Grammar School Plenty Parklands Primary School Portland Secondary College Quarry Hill Primary School Redesdale Mia Mia Primary School Reservoir Primary School Reservoir West Primary School Riddell's Creek Primary School Ringwood Secondary College Ripponlea Primary School Rolling Hills Primary School Rosanna Golf Links Primary School Rosanna Primary School Roxburgh Homestead Primary School Ruyton Girls' School Sacre Coeur Sacred Heart College Sale Primary School Serpell Primary School Shelford Anglican Girls' School Sherbourne Primary School Simonds Catholic College Solway Primary School South Geelong Primary School South Gippsland Secondary College St Andrews Primary School St Brigid's School St Catherine's School St Francis De Sales St Francis Xavier College St Joan of Arc School St John's Greek Orthodox College St John's Lutheran School St Joseph's St Joseph's College St Joseph's Primary School - W. Brunswick St Joseph's Primary School – Warragul St Kevin's College St Leonard's College St Leonard's Primary School St Margaret's School – Junior St Margaret's School – Senior St Mary's Primary School St Michael's & St John's Primary School St Michael's School – Berwick St Monica's College St Pauls Anglican Grammar St Therese's Primary School Stretton Primary School Sunbury College Suzanne Cory High School Templestowe Heights Primary School The Knox School Thomas Mitchell Primary School Tintern Schools Toorak Primary School Trinity Grammar School Tylden Primary School Tyrrell College Upwey High School Wallarano Primary School Wanganui Park Secondary College Warragul North Primary School Weeden Heights Primary School Wellington Secondary College Wesley College Wonthaggi Secondary College Woodleigh School Wooranna Park Primary School Yarrambat Primary School

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Tournament of Minds (Vic) Inc. greatly appreciates the contribution of our many sponsors and supporters. We particularly would like to thank our Major Sponsor, **La Trobe University**. The University kindly hosts our Metro Northern (Bundoora) and Central Victorian (Bendigo) Regional Tournaments, as well as the Victorian State Final. We also wish to thank our other venue sponsors and supporters:



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THINKING WORKSHOPS

TOM provides a selection of Professional Development Workshops and Student Incursions to support the TOM Program.

The 2012 **PD Program for Team Facilitators and TOM Coordinators** will be available from the Victorian Workshops page on the [TOM website](#) and via the [VIT's Pdi website](#). You can register for any PD Workshop online via the TOM Portal.



The **Student Incursion Program** provides the following 1.5-2 hour modules for you to choose from:

- TOM Introduction
- The Long Term Challenge
- The Spontaneous Challenge
- Thinking Skills
- Drama Skills
- Team Skills
- Student Facilitators

Schools can book a single module or series of modules to suit their specific needs. **Call Geraldine Nicholas now on 9885 3653 to book your dates for 2012.**



Proposed 2012 Dates

Proposed dates for the 2012 Tournament of Minds Program are outlined on page one. **Please note that the Regional Finals will be on one of two weekends next year, depending on your Region.** Venues and dates will be available in the 2012 brochure all schools will receive by mail in February 2012, and on our website by mid December 2011:

www.tom.edu.au

Celebrating 25 Years of TOM

Tournament of Minds began as a project of the Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children in Melbourne in 1986. The first Tournament was held in Victoria on 20th June 1987 at the Victoria State College - Toorak Campus.

Tournament of Minds was based on the "Odyssey of the Minds" which began in the USA in 1978.

The initial TOM team size was five team members, and the first Tournament was attended by 58 teams—a total of 290 students.

Very much in the same format as today, the first "problems" (we now call "challenges") were all written by Victorian teachers. Students had the choice of three:

Languages "Poetic Licence"

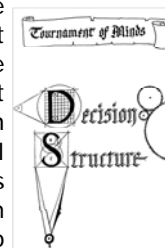
From a list of ten poems, the team had to select one and present the poem and further develop a satire or parody of the poem. One of the team had to represent the poet.

Humanities "Victoria, Florence & Irene"

The team had to create three scenarios in which Queen Victoria (who can only speak in rhyming couplets), Florence Nightingale (who constantly uses malapropisms) and Irene Bolger meet prior to and after the Crimean War.

Maths/Engineering "Decision, Structure"

From 50grams of balsa wood and using only PVC glue, build a structure the dimensions of which do not exceed 30x40x40cm to hold the most weight possible. The model must have an open central area not less than 5cm diameter to



take the column for the crusher board. (The winning model collapsed at an unbelievable 487kg!)

The **Spontaneous Challenge** involved three minutes thinking time to contemplate the photo of one of Michelangelo's sculptures (above). Then each team member, in turn and without skipping a team member, had to make a comment about it. Creative, imaginative or humorous responses scored highly.

The Tournament was such a success, within five years it was running in every state and territory of Australia. The first national final was held in 1990 in Melbourne.

We look forward to you and your school being part of our 2012 celebrations!

Below: St Paul's Anglican Grammar Team 3 receive their Hawker Brownlow Award for Excellence Prize.

