



**ACT**  
Government

Education and Training

# Excellence and Enterprise

## Advancing Public Schools of Distinction

# VIRTUAL LEARNING ACADEMY

## PROFESSIONAL LEARNING PROGRAM FOR HIGH SCHOOLS

Hedley Beare Centre for Teaching and Learning (HBCTL)

Wednesday, 21 September – Friday 23 September 2011 (3 days)

8.30am – 4.00pm

**Excellence & Enterprise Key Direction:** improve educational provision for students with high academic ability.

**VLA Purpose:**

- to position ACT public high schools at the forefront of effective education for high ability/gifted and talented students
- to provide curriculum innovation through more advanced content, accelerated pathways and specialised mentoring with experts within the context of mainstream education.

**Pilot Phase 1:**

to establish some 'hooks' for **science** in years 7-10 linked to the Australian Curriculum, particularly with regard to Sustainability

**Limited places exist for teachers to attend this program.**

**Book early to avoid disappointment.**

**Focus:**

Professional learning in gifted education provision

**Key Topics:**

- Describing gifted and talented knowledge and thinking
- Identifying gifted and talented knowledge and thinking in the classroom
- The expert knower as a framework for describing gifted learning and thinking

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