

ACT Gifted Families Support Group
In Celebration of Gifted Awareness Week
Presentation: The Whole Gifted Child

**The whole gifted child: Understanding and supporting
the social and emotional needs of gifted students**

Gifted students' outstanding performance is often highly visible and celebrated, drawing attention and emphasis to students' academic strengths in school. It is clear that supporting these academic needs should be a priority for parents and teachers. Nevertheless, gifted students also have social and emotional needs that may need as much nurture. In fact, social and emotional needs that are unmet can inhibit academic performance and general well-being, making it difficult to identify academic needs. It is therefore essential that parents and teachers support the whole child, including the complex social and emotional facets. In this session, we will explore the common social and emotional needs of gifted students, along with the possible causes. We will also examine a variety of research-based strategies to support the healthy development of the whole gifted child.

Presenter biography:



Peta began her career as an English / History teacher and became passionate about gifted education when some of the gifted adolescents in her classes confronted social and emotional challenges. Her PhD, completed at the University of NSW, examined the interaction between moral reasoning and empathy in gifted children, and she continues to be interested in the socio-affective aspects of giftedness. She teaches undergraduate and post-graduate gifted education courses at GERRIC, UNSW. She is a presenter of the very popular Mini-COGE professional learning course and partners with practicing teachers to help them cater for gifted students in their individual school contexts.

When: Thursday 19th March 2020 7:00pm – 8:30pm

Where: Holy Trinity Primary School, 18-20 Theodore Street, Curtin ACT 2605

Cost: Non-members \$30; or included with 2020 ACT GFSG membership (membership \$50)

Tickets available at: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/the-whole-gifted-child-presentation-for-gifted-awareness-week-2020-tickets-94943756331>

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