



**DARA  
SCHOOL**

**invites you to attend:**

## **Challenging Highly Able Learners**

This professional learning course for educators is based upon the Federal Government's Professional Development Package for Teachers produced by the Gifted Education Research, Resources and Information Centre (GERRIC), University of New South Wales. As this course was originally published in 2005, its content and readings have been updated to reflect current research, practice and evidence in the second decade of the 21<sup>st</sup> century.

Participating in the program will increase your capacity to cater for the needs of highly able learners. Should you wish to progress to post-graduate studies in Gifted Education at Flinders University, credit may be given to those participants who complete the whole course and submit written critical reflections. Participants will be equipped with workshop materials, PowerPoints and other learning aids.

The course will be offered in two tiers, each in four x two hour blocks, 4.30 – 6.30 pm at Dara School. The focus of Tier 1 will be upon the characteristics of gifted learners and their varied cognitive and affective needs.

1. Ask what is giftedness? (Tuesday March 5)
2. Ask how do we identify highly able learners? (Thursday March 28)
3. Discover the social and emotional characteristics of highly able learners. (Tuesday 21 May)
4. Learn about special populations of highly able learners, including twice exceptional and underachievers. (Thursday June 6)

The focus of Tier 2 will be upon classroom provisions for gifted learners.

5. Ask how do we differentiate the curriculum? (Tuesday August 13)
6. Ask which curriculum models facilitate critical, creative and reflective thinking? (Thursday September 5)
7. Learn about giftedness in disciplines and disciplinaries. (Thursday November 7)
8. Discover co-cognitive factors that contribute to the realisation of potential, such as self-efficacy, mindsets and grit. (Tuesday November 19)

Janet Farrall, a distinguished and highly experienced educator whose four decades of practice have ranged from the classroom to leadership, project management and consultancy, will present the workshops. She specialises in the education of highly able learners, dispositions for learning and differentiation for all learners, including the highly able. All workshops will employ a variety of thinking, learning and questioning tools designed to promote understanding and transfer of important concepts, theories and ideas.

**Presented by:** Janet Farrall: Learner, Teacher, Advisor, Coach.

**Location:** Dara School  
1-37 Pildappa Ave,  
Ascot Park,  
South Australia

**Time:** 4.30pm to 6.30 pm  
(Arrive 4.15pm for a prompt 4.30pm start)

**Investment:** \$60 per workshop includes refreshments.  
Investment in the whole course is \$420.

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