

TYPICAL TRAITS OF GIFTEDNESS

- Rapid learning rate
- Excellent memory
- Early attainment of developmental milestones
- Early and extensive vocabulary
- Long attention span when interested or challenged
- Highly developed curiosity
- Divergent thinking
- Highly creative
- Vivid imagination
- Unusual sense of humour
- Emotional intensity and sensitivity
- Perfectionism
- High activity level
- Decreased need for sleep
- Strong sense of justice
- Preference for older aged companions



Gifted Support Network

CONTACT US

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Supporting families of gifted children in the South Eastern suburbs of Melbourne

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AIMS

- Provide support for families of intellectually gifted children.
- Create opportunities for gifted children to come together.
- Foster community understanding of the needs of the gifted children.
- Liaise with other groups and services that provide for gifted children.

ABOUT US

Gifted Support Network (formerly Bayside Young Active Minds) is a not-for-profit organisation founded in 1998 by local parents in the Bayside area of Melbourne, Australia. Members are families and educators who have discovered that their children share many the typical traits of **Giftedness**.

Gifted Support Network endeavours to provide relevant information, resources and support to families and educators with gifted children.

We acknowledge the individual social, emotional and intellectual needs of gifted children and their families throughout the various stages of development from infancy to the teen years and beyond.

Gifted Support Network members have the opportunity to enrich their parenting, teaching and learning journey through information sessions, social opportunities and the sharing of the personal stories of others.

We also work to improve community awareness and understanding of the **special needs** of the gifted.

New members are always warmly welcomed.

MEMBERSHIP BENEFITS

- Quarterly e-newsletter & activities brochure
- Information sessions for parents and teachers with professional guest speakers. Topics include identification, asynchronous development, acceleration, underachievement and more
- Discounted entry to information sessions and other activities
- Informal discussion evenings
- Informal parent social evenings including coffee nights & dinners
- Library containing books covering a diverse range of topics dealing with giftedness
- Preschool playgroup - Mini Minds
- Primary school group - Primary Minds
- Teens & Tweens social group
- Family days including picnics & games afternoons
- Links to other useful contacts & resources

HOW TO JOIN

To become a member, visit our website: www.giftedsupport.org, print the membership form and post your completed form with payment of \$25 to:

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