



The Gifted Kids Programme
a day, a week programme of excellence in gifted education

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“More than a one day programme”

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Why are you here?

Ignorance logging – the recording of known/unknown questions

What do you not know about the Gifted Kids Programme that you want to know?



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Where We've Come From

	Units	Staff	Kids	Schools
2000	1	5	14	6
2006	7	23	505	124



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Partnerships

Financial:

- Parents
- Schools
- GKP Trust
- Government
- Businesses, corporates, local trusts

Educational:

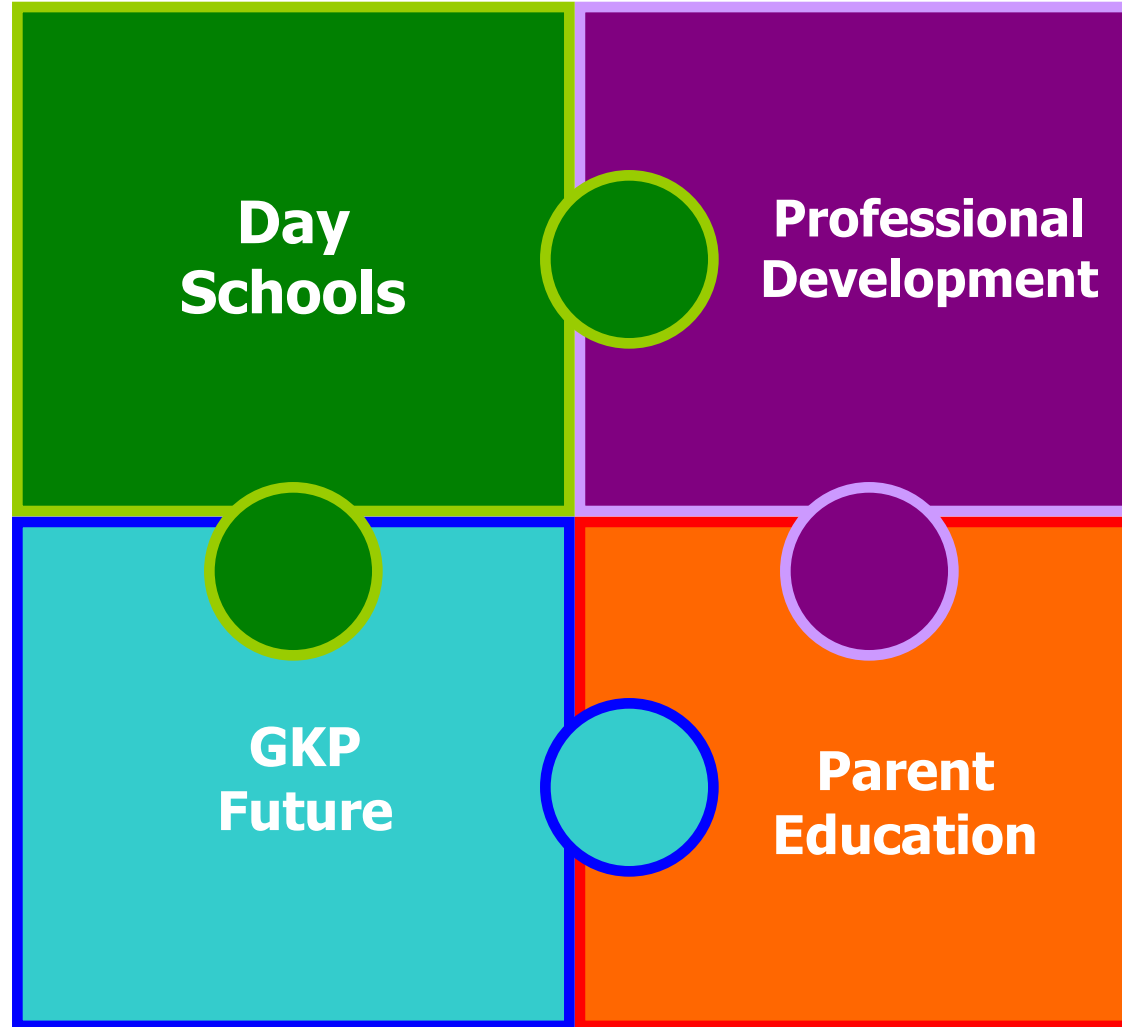
- Students
- Teachers
- Outside agencies
- Alumni
- Families and communities





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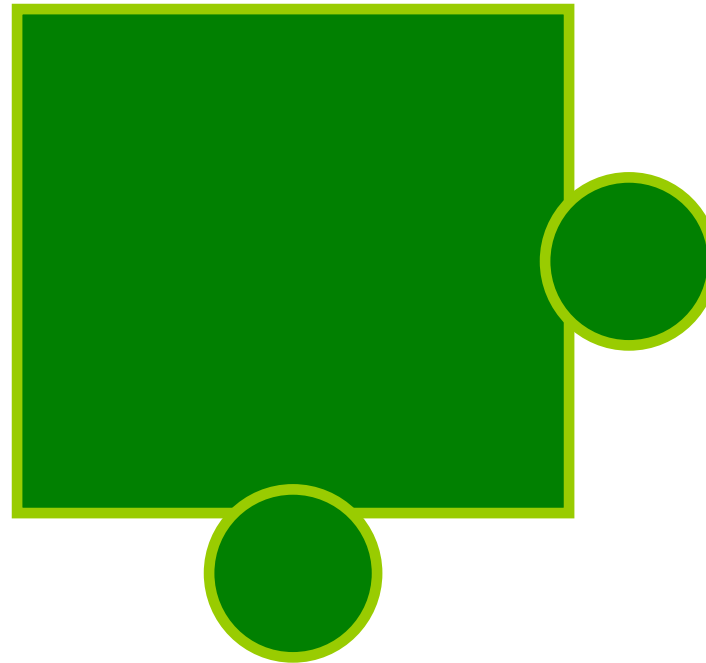
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Day Schools





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Entry Selection

A gifted child is one who has the innate ability to achieve at an exceptional level, in one or more areas, in relation to his/her same age peers.

GKP Teaching Staff 2005

Students from yr 3-yr 10.

Parents, school, (community/whanau), GKP determine whether there is a match between the child's holistic needs and what GKP can offer.

Recommend that students stay on the programme as long as possible.





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Social and Emotional Benefit

Like minds spark when they are together.

- “My child brought a friend home for the first time ever.”
- “The child that you’re describing is totally different to who we see in our class.”
- Finally, someone gets my jokes.”





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Curriculum

- Talent Development
- Mental Edge: Thinking Curriculum
- Concept Curriculum





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Talent Development

- Focus on students' strengths
- Teachers knowing students' strengths, passions, learning styles
- Split Curriculum, Passion Time





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Mental Edge

- Creative Thinking
- Caring Thinking
- Critical Thinking
- Questioning
- Metacognition





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Concept Curriculum

“Universal themes add breadth and depth to learning.” Roberts and Roberts, 2001



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2006 Value

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Experience GKP

- Choose your Smart then set to it!
 - Word Smart
 - Number Smart
 - Art Smart



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The Extras

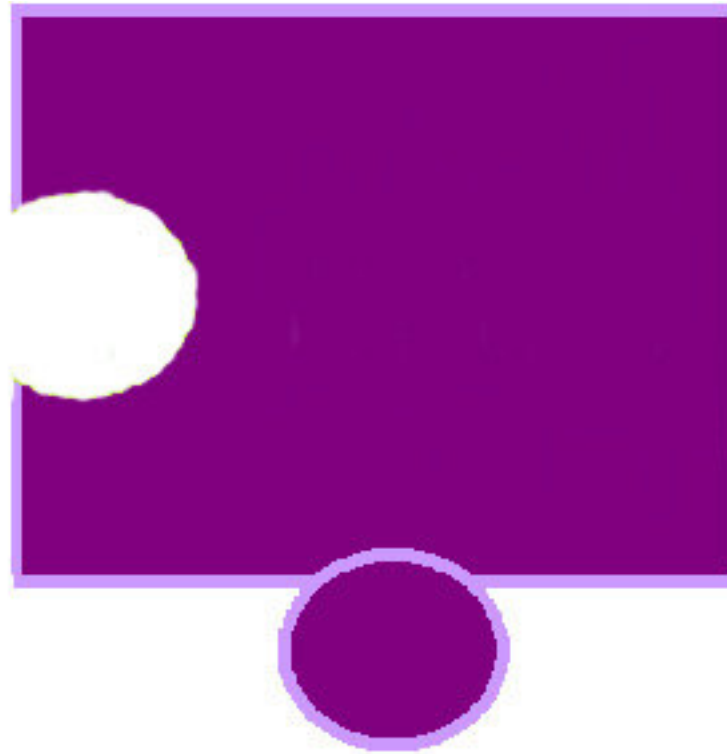
- Specialist teachers – chess, languages, the arts,
- ICT
- EOTC





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Professional Development





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Talent Development Initiatives

- 2002-2005 Gifted Edge
- 2006-2008 GiftNet



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Gifted Edge

- Gifted Edge Mini Conferences
- Sponsoring contributing school staff to attend international conferences and additional professional development courses



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GiftNet

- After-school workshops for contributing school staff, one per term in all unit areas
- Mini conferences in all four key GKP regions
- Cluster school initiatives to raise achievement and increase opportunities for gifted students





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GKP Staff Professional Development

- To provide opportunities for our GKP staff to participate in quality National and International Professional Development
- Staff “in-house” professional development, best practice in gifted education





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- Support staff to undertake post graduate study in gifted education



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- We are leaders in gifted education
- We provide innovative and effective gifted education



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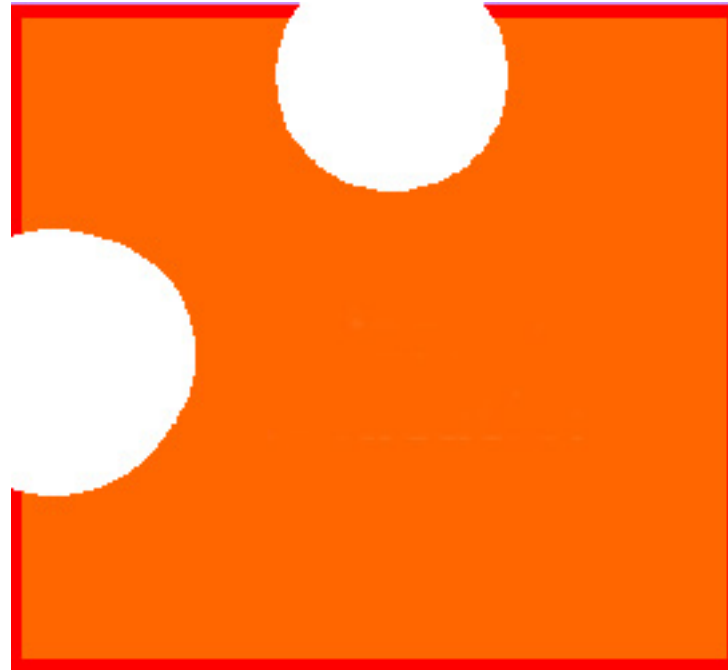
- We support holistic development of gifted students
- We place an emphasis on supporting students from less advantaged backgrounds





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Parents Education





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Parent Resources

- Unit based library resources available for parents/whanau to loan
- Parent/whanau workshops
- Sponsorship for parents to attend national conferences





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GKP Future





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Where to from here?

- To continue to be leaders in gifted education
- To continue to provide innovative and effective gifted education
- To continue to be supportive of the holistic development of gifted students





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Where to from here?

- To continue to place an emphasis on supporting students from less advantaged backgrounds
- To continue to improve achievement of our GKP students in their mainstream classrooms





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Where to from here?

- To increase availability of the Gifted Kids Programme in new areas or regions where a demonstrated need exists
- GKP key staff to attend and present at international conferences



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