



Northside Gifted and Talented Network

Parent Seminar:

The Roller Coaster of Giftedness: Intensities and Overexcitabilities

The Northside Gifted and Talented Network is a group of schools, both Independent and Departmental, from the North Shore and Northern Districts of Sydney that work together to provide opportunities for gifted and talented K-6 students within the member schools.

One of the Network's aims is to provide information to the parents of gifted and talented children in the Network schools. We invite you to attend our parent seminar for 2013.

When? Thursday 21 February 2013 7:00pm – 8:00pm

Where? Roseville College Hinemoa Function Centre (see map)
27 Bancroft Ave, Roseville (Entry via the Victoria St entrance)

Who? Any parents from network member schools.

All welcome. **Please RSVP by 7th February 2013**

Our **guest presenter** will be Bronwyn MacLeod who is Director of Gateways Education and a Consultant in Gifted and Talented Education. Her experience includes teaching in state and independent schools in Years K - 12, adult training, postgraduate lecturing and she is co-author of two educational texts on curriculum for gifted students and author of two units of differentiated curriculum.

For some people, riding a roller coaster is an experience of exhilaration and high adrenalin, whilst for others it is one of fear and apprehension. Intense feelings are often difficult to control and result in behaviours that may be out of character or extreme in nature. Being gifted can be like being on a roller coaster ride for some gifted children, with feelings and behaviours described by Dabrowski as 'overexcitabilities'. Understanding these overexcitabilities and the resultant behaviours will help teachers better meet the needs of these students, helping them manage their environment, their learning and their reactions to stimuli. Practical strategies will be discussed to support teachers in their work with gifted students in their classrooms.