



The Symposium for Gifted Education

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216 Empire Avenue
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Programme

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The Symposium for Gifted Education WA will be hosted by Newman College this year. There are many variables in education, but the most important variable, at the centre of delivering an effective gifted education, is the teacher. While popular discourse may claim that gifted children learn by themselves, there is convincing research to demonstrate that well qualified and knowledgeable teachers are critical. This study day for GATE teachers is an opportunity to explore some of the meta questions often raised by this cohort of students and will equip teachers with the knowledge they need to create excellent lessons and positive engagement on the Big Questions.

9:30 **The Basic Philosophical Question – How to live a good life.**

Aristotle (384 - 322 BCE) applied himself a great deal to the question of education of bright minds. He was the tutor of Alexander the Great and deeply concerned to work out how best to cultivate the youth of Athens in such a way that they might become happy and embrace the responsibility of progressing civilisation. Flourishing, understood along semi-Aristotelian lines has re-emerged recently and his answer to the question 'how to live a good life' will be the inspiration for this session.

10:30 **Morning Tea**

11:00 **A fundamental Philosophical Question – What happens after death?**

This is one of the big questions which inspires dialogue at every level and in every age group because there can be no certainty. And yet it is not simply a matter of opinion because it is also a matter of fact. Either, when we die there will be something, or there won't. This session will equip teachers with competency to understand and explain the underlying questions and assumptions with resources to stimulate discussion back in class.

11:45 **Swap Meet – sharing of ideas and networking.**

Delegate opportunity to share expertise with members of the GATE community in VIC and build better together. Come ready to share your favourite approach or resource. Please contact us if you would like a 5-10 minute opportunity to showcase.

12:30 **Lunch**

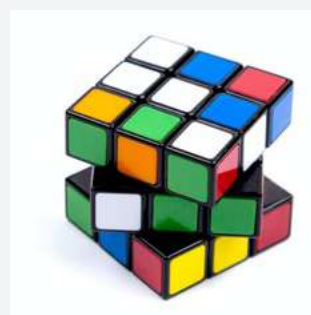
13:30 **The Pedagogy of the Thought Experiment**

The thought experiment is a fabulous device for use with more able students and can be employed across the curriculum and with any age group. This session will demonstrate this pedagogy using some classical thought experiments, each with a short video clip to stimulate discussion. Teachers will be given oven-ready resources and be better equipped to build their own thought experiments into routine classroom practice to stimulate creative thinking, critical thinking and imagination.



Booking your place

Attendance to this event has a fixed fee of \$95, including light refreshments. Bookings are taken online at www.thrivingminds.org/conferences/gate-training Please note that bookings are not confirmed until payment is received.





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