

The Victorian Association for Gifted and Talented Children



Hamilton Region Service Providers & Educators

5 August 2017

Dear Teams,

Re. VAGTC Seminars at Monivae College, Hamilton: Free seminars for parents and educators

In support of the upcoming seminars in **Hamilton** on **18 August 2017** we would like to invite you to use the following copy to be placed in your media outlets at your discretion, in support of the flyer accompanying this material. Please feel free to edit to suit the formatting of your media.

The VAGTC are touring around our Education State offering free seminars for parents, carers and educators. This is an opportunity not to be missed. Our facilitators are qualified educators, speakers, presenters, and above all, parents. Please contact me directly if you need any further information, or would like to conduct an interview with any of our facilitators while they are in **Hamilton**.

Sincerely,

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Administration Assistant, VAGTC

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GIFTED & TALENTED IDENTIFICATION

When being gifted and talented isn't always about the smarts

DOES YOUR child demonstrate:

| AMAZING characteristics? | NOT SO AMAZING characteristics? |
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| <input type="checkbox"/> Extensive vocabulary | <input type="checkbox"/> Reluctant to write or read |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefer the company of older children or adults | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in making friends with same-age-peers |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intense curiosity | <input type="checkbox"/> Extreme risk taking, always questioning |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Intense interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Difficulty in changing tasks once 'involved' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great memory | <input type="checkbox"/> Perfectionistic |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Long attention span or persistent | <input type="checkbox"/> Easily bored |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Original and quirky thinking | <input type="checkbox"/> Melt downs when they can't do something |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Early language skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Often frustrated when they aren't understood |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Deep sense of fairness and moral justice | <input type="checkbox"/> Highly anxious: worrisome, fearful |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great sense of humor | <input type="checkbox"/> Disruptive in class |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Prefers to organize people when playing games | <input type="checkbox"/> Can display impatience with others |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Great imagination | <input type="checkbox"/> Day dreaming, often in 'lah lah land' |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Quick to grasp new concepts | <input type="checkbox"/> Resist or challenges drill and repetition |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Mature sense of empathy towards others | <input type="checkbox"/> Highly sensitive - emotionally |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Motivated to develop certain interests | <input type="checkbox"/> Questions their abilities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Questions the 'meaning of life' | <input type="checkbox"/> Demands your attention constantly |

If you answer yes to at least 4 of these Amazing – and Not So Amazing – characteristics, you may need to stop and read this:

A gifted and talented child is not gifted and talented just at school, or just at home; they are gifted and talented 24 hours a day. Sometimes parenting and teaching children who display these characteristics can be a combination of intense joy and sheer frustration and

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exhaustion. Knowing how to support gifted and talented children in their good and not-so-good qualities allows them the space to thrive and develop - just like any other child!

The VAGTC is a for-purpose organization that provides learning support for both parents and educators in their journey towards creating home and learning environments for gifted and talented children to grow and flourish.

Supported in whole by the Victorian Department of Education, the VAGTC are **Monivae College** in **Hamilton** on the **18 August 2017** to deliver free-of-charge learning and parenting strategies, and offer resources to support the education for the gifted and talented child.

The seminar for teachers is VIT accredited and run between 3.30-6pm, and the parent seminar is held between 7-9pm. Light refreshments will also be available.

For more information visit our website at www.vagtc.org.au or follow our social media at our Facebook page, <http://www.facebook.com/VAGTC>

Book your place to the seminar via <https://www.vagtc.org.au/seminars/>