

THE GIFTED KIDS PROGRAMME, (GKP) New Zealand.

“Excellence in gifted education.”

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Established in 2000 this one day programme was developed to provide gifted education for students predominantly in low decile communities. Delivered on nine sites to 500 students the GKP curriculum model: TALENT, promotes the development of individual talent whilst developing in-depth thinking skills, and cultivating the growth of personal values and characteristics. It is delivered using conceptual themes, which allow for the development of critical, creative and caring thinking skills in an enriched and quality resourced based responsive environment.

As well as providing ‘a day a week of excellence’ for our students, the Gifted Kids Programme offers a range of professional development opportunities to staff in our contributing schools and workshops for our students’ parents. Specialist staff, four years of delivery, two NZ Ministry of Education contracts involving 130 contributing schools. *GiftNet* is the professional development arm of the Gifted Kids Programme. Practical workshops, mini-conferences and cluster school mentoring are all services available to empower schools in their delivery of gifted education. *GiftNet* is about promoting partnerships between GKP, contributing schools and families, and it is about supporting gifted students 24/7.

This workshop is an overview of who we are, what we do, where we’ve come from and where we are headed.