

# Gifted/2e Home Education Information Booklet

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*This is a quick guide I've written to help parents of gifted children who are looking at home education. Please note this is just my opinion, which I hope is valuable, but it in no way implies that the organisations I'm involved with endorse any of the listed products, websites, or any of my personal opinions.*

Starting home education can be quite daunting—doubly so if you are deciding to home educate special needs children, whether they are gifted, disabled, or both (called twice exceptional or 2e). Neurodiverse kids tend not to fit in neat school boxes, and can be a challenge to parent and to home educate.

## Defining Giftedness

Though giftedness can be hard to define, there are generally four broad categories:

- Children who are high achieving – this is generally defined as children who achieve in the top 10% of school assessments. Problems in school can occur when there is not enough challenge offered in the school curriculum.
- Children with high scores on IQ tests. They will have an IQ score in the top 2.1% of the population (that's two standard deviation from the norm or average score). For the WISC, this would be a score of 130+. Children in this group often also have a number of behavioural differences (colloquially called OEs or overexcitabilities). These can manifest as an oversensitivity to their environment or to the people around them and the situations they encounter. They are not necessarily high achieving.
- Children who have both a high IQ and are high-achieving are the third group. This is probably the best studied group of gifted children. See book like Miraca Gross's "*Exceptionally Gifted Children*" for more information. They often have problems in school due to a lack of extension and acceleration options.
- The fourth group are gifted children who also have a disability. This is called twice-exceptional, 2e or GLD (Gifted Learning Disabled). For children with a diagnosed disability affecting their communication or motor skills, they will often have some sub-scores on IQ tests in the top 2% and an average score (if it can be calculated) at least one standard deviation above average (for the WISC, this would be 115+). If they do not have the right supports, they will not necessarily be high-achieving, and they often encounter problems when they do not receive support for either their giftedness or their disability.

Each of these different groups have challenges that are not always able to be met in school and can benefit from home education. But because of the different challenges, and the wide variety of different issues, finding and crafting a curriculum for a gifted/2e child can be a challenge.

**You are rarely going to find a bought curriculum to use straight-out-of-the-box. It's also going to take time to figure out the rhythm that works for your family – and that's OK!**

## Deschooling

The standard advice is to deschool for one month for every year your children have been in traditional school. Deschooling is like unschooling—no set activities. It's also called natural learning. (And it can be hard work! Sometimes set activities are easier.) The idea is to give you and your children time to adjust to a new rhythm of not-being-in-school. ***It doesn't mean you can't do lessons or worksheets, but it does mean you try to focus on what your children want to do.*** This is a kind of decompression, and it can really help if school has been stressful or difficult—it gives a clear break that lets your children know that home education won't be the same as school.

Take the time to find your rhythm, which will start to develop after a few weeks—whether you have nothing planned, strictly planned, or have a few things that need doing every day. I have included a few selected resources on unschooling, particularly on unschooling gifted children and they can be found in the Unschooling section.

## **Don't Spend Money Straight Away!**

It's also worth considering whether you need to spend a lot of money on curriculum right away. There are so many options available online for free, including lots of free worksheets from many websites that you can print out, as well as study guides and teacher resources. By taking the time to explore the free options available, you can get a great feel for what type of lessons your children like, and what they dislike. This gives you a much better idea of what curriculum might be worth purchasing. I have included lists of free resources available online in the Curriculum section.

Now don't worry if you really want to dive in and buy awesome stuff. I felt exactly the same when I started. Some of the stuff we bought worked really well. Some didn't.

Along the way, I learned that gifted, particularly highly+ gifted kids will probably power through some curriculum at double, triple, quadruple or an even higher speed, while other subjects might be extremely slow, particularly if there is also a learning disability (2e). This is one of the beauties of home education—tailoring lessons to what your children are ready and able to learn. Finding ways to allow them to advance to their interest level while shaping the content to cope and support their disabilities is individual to each child, and that takes time to figure out. And that's OK.

## **Find Support Groups**

It is also really worth finding support groups to help you feel less alone. From detailed information on brain wiring, to brainstorming and commiserating with fellow parents, having a support group, either face-to-face or online, can be a life-saver. I've included links throughout this resource to many wonderful home educating and gifted organisations in Australia and beyond. These can be found in the Specific to Victoria, Australia-wide and General Resources sections.

## **Emergency Home Education**

If you are one of the many families who are suddenly home educating due to the Covid-19 Pandemic, you will be in a slightly different headspace to people who chose to home educate. But it's not as different as it looks!

The first thing to remember is: DON'T PANIC.

Your school is probably in the process of figuring out what to do. And in the meantime, some of these resources can tide you over until everything settles down.

If you are a teacher: please feel free to use this booklet as well. Many of these resources already have teacher guides and portals for organising classes online.

Some families may be eligible to enrol in Distance Education Victoria due to health requirements for students or their families. See the Distance Education Victoria website for details:

<http://www.distance.vic.edu.au/>

The VRQA has also made statements online for families considering home education in Victoria due to the Covid-19 Pandemic. Check their website for latest details:

<https://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/news/Pages/News.aspx>

The Home Education Network also has information on home education during the Covid-19 Pandemic:

<https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/advice-for-covid-19-home-educators/>

Home Educating Parents have also set up a dedicated group for people to ask questions if they are suddenly home educating:

Home school due to Virus & School Closures In Australia

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1111527142539115/>

Also, please feel free to contact me at any time if you have further questions.

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Gifted Support Network  
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## Specific to Victoria

### Legal Authorities/Government Services

- VRQA -Victorian Homeschooling Registration Authority  
<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/Pages/default.aspx>

This includes information on how to register, online videos, and example learning plans.

- Victoria HEN  
<https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/getting-started/>

This is a webpage set up by the Home Education Network (HEN) to help getting started with home education in Victoria.

- The Australian Curriculum Standards, Victoria  
<http://victoriancurriculum.vcaa.vic.edu.au/>

Though it is not legally necessary to follow, the Victorian curriculum can be a good place to start if you aren't sure what level your child needs. This can be particularly important if your child has learning needs outside their age/year level that have not been met in their previous learning environments.

### Homeschooling Groups

- Home Education Network:

HEN is a parent-based support group set up to help families with home education – they do important advocacy work, liaise with VRQA to make sure the communities views are heard, act as a legal umbrella for many face-to-face home education meetings and produce a magazine, Otherways, for the home education community.

<http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/>

HEN Facebook group

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/242913609396414/>

HEN listings of other groups

<https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/groups/>

- Home school due to Virus & School Closures In Australia Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/1111527142539115/>
- Australian Homeschool Network  
<https://www.facebook.com/AustralianHomeschoolNetwork/>
- Peninsula Wild Things  
<http://peninsulawildthings.weebly.com/>
- Northern Victoria Homeschool Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/northernvictoria.homeschoolaustralia>
- Distance Education Centre Victoria (DECV): School at home. State curriculum. Available to isolated children <11 grade, all children for 11 & 12.  
<http://www.distance.vic.edu.au/>

- St Kilda Homeschool Meetup Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/725337280903613/>
- Victorian Homeschoolers and Unschoolers  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/214510892049120/>

### Gifted Associations

- VAGTC  
<http://www.vagtc.asn.au/>
- Gifted Support Network  
<http://giftedsupport.org/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GSNForum/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/GiftedSupportNetwork/>

Victorian-based gifted support group that meets multiple times each term and runs activities for preschool through to young adults.

- The Big Bang Coffee Club  
[nicole\\_lawrence@mailcan.com](mailto:nicole_lawrence@mailcan.com)
- Maroondah Gifted Children's Parents; Assoc.  
[ijgrant@optusnet.com.au](mailto:ijgrant@optusnet.com.au)
- Belgrave Parent Support Group  
[heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au](mailto:heikemagnus@yahoo.com.au)
- CHIP Geelong  
<http://chipcentregeelong.com.au/support-group/>
- Gifted Families Support Group (NSW)  
<http://gfsg.org.au/>
- Casterton and District Area  
<http://au.groups.yahoo.com/group/tallpoppysyndrome/>
- Gifted Resource and Information Group- Casey/Cardinia  
[victoriapoulos@gmail.com](mailto:victoriapoulos@gmail.com)
- GLD Australia (Mainly NSW)  
[http://www.aegt.net.au/?page\\_id=1053](http://www.aegt.net.au/?page_id=1053)

### Disability Services / Communities

- Access All Abilities  
<http://aaavic.org.au/>

Support service for finding sporting activities for children with disabilities

- I Can Network

The I Can Network is an organisation run by young Autistic adults to support and mentor Autistic students. They have various groups that meet online weekly via zoom that you can sign up to attend. They have a desiccated home educated students group.

<https://icannetwork.com.au/>  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/icannetwork.au/>

- Homeschooling Parents with a Disability / Chronic Illness

<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DisabledParentsWhoHomeschool/>

## Activities

(These activities may not be available at present. Though many have moved into online options for the current emergency).

- PrimeSci: Science activities for kids with Monash University.  
<https://www.monash.edu/science/schools/earth-atmosphere-environment/primesci>  
<https://www.facebook.com/primesci>
- Melbourne University Public Lectures  
<http://events.unimelb.edu.au/all/free-public-lecture>
- GATEWAYS  
<http://www.gateways.edu.au/>

## Home Educating Gifted Children in Victoria

- <https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/resources/special-needs/>
- <https://www.mermaidsandmermen.com.au/home-schooling/>
- <https://yellowreadis.com/category/homeschooling>
- My Pinterest page has Gifted/2e Homeschooling links  
<http://www.pinterest.com/yellowreadis/>

## Advocacy and Information

- Jo Freitag's mailing list offers a great list of resources and upcoming events in Victoria for gifted children. (Jo has since moved to Tasmania, so is no longer updating this list, but the resources listed are still useful).  
<http://www.giftedresources.org/web/newsletter.html>
- Some great information on homeschooling gifted children by Sue Wight (HEN) and Jo Freitag (Gifted Resources)  
<http://www.giftedresources.org/jo/homeschooling.htm>

## Australia-wide

### Home Education Groups

- Homeschool Australia: Mainly SA, but covers other states  
<http://homeschoolaustralia.com/>
- Home Education Association: Mainly NSW but covers other states. This website also has links for legal requirements in all states.  
<http://www.hea.edu.au/>
- Gameschooling Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gameschoolingoz/>
- Homeschooling Gifted Kids Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272305732927126/>

### Gifted Associations

- Egpg-gifted (Exceptionally gifted, profoundly gifted)  
[egpg-gifted@yahoogroups.com.au](mailto:egpg-gifted@yahoogroups.com.au)
- Gifted Families  
[giftedfamilies@yahoogroups.com.au](mailto:giftedfamilies@yahoogroups.com.au)
- AAEGT (Australian Association for the Education of the Gifted and Talented)  
<http://www.aaegt.net.au/>
- Parents of Gifted Children – Australia (facebook group)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/747677225299095/>
- Homeschooling Gifted Kids in Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/272305732927126/>
- GT Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/372368206295373/>
- Parents of PG Kids – Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/857584427655314/>
- Profoundly and Exceptionally Gifted Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/profoundlygiftedaustralia/>
- Mensa, Australia  
<http://www.mensa.org.au/>
- GLD Australia  
[http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page\\_id=1053](http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1053)

### Disability Services and Information

- NDIS – National Disability Insurance Scheme  
Disabled people can apply to the NDIS for help and support to live and work in the community. Depending on your needs, a range of services can be funded. At present, education support is not included, but certain targeted extra-curricular activities may be.

The process starts with an access request, then will move through to an assessment of needs. If approved, you will sit down with an NDIS support person to go through the process of setting up a budget, which will then go through an approval process. Once that is cleared, you will have the option of how you manage the funds, from complete control (self-managed),

partially managed (plan managed), or completely managed by an external manager. After one year, there will be a review of the effectiveness of the plan.

<https://www.ndis.gov.au>

- Mental Health Care Plans  
(Check with your GP on whether this is still available, and the current requirements.)  
<http://www.health.gov.au/internet/main/publishing.nsf/content/mental-ba-fact-pat>
- Carer's Allowance  
<https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/carer-allowance>
- Assistance for Isolated Children Scheme

For families who are able to demonstrate they are unable to use in-person school options due to distance or disability.

<https://www.servicessaustralia.gov.au/individuals/services/centrelink/assistance-for-isolated-children-scheme>

- The Educating Parent  
<http://homeschoolaustralia.com/articles/specialneeds.html>
- Gifted – 2E Support – Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gifted2Eau/>

## Activities

(These may be affected by the emergency Covid-19 shut down)

- CSIRO: Double Helix Magazine/ Science and Maths problems by email:  
<http://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Double-Helix>  
CSIRO TV show, Scope for kids  
<https://tenplay.com.au/channel-eleven/scope>
- Mensa - Fred magazine  
<https://www.mensa.org.au/>
- Royal Australian Chemical Association  
<https://racichemedcentral.com.au/>
- Event Brite is a great place to find free and paid seminars and events available Australia-wide.  
<http://www.eventbrite.com/>
- Tournament of Minds may be available through your local home education association (where they should be able to register as a 'school').  
<http://www.tom.edu.au/>
- Future Problem Solving Program Australia. Individual packs are available, as well as team packs – it does not seem to be affiliated with schools.  
<http://www.fpsp.org.au/>
- Kids Like Us also offer support services and activities for twice exceptional children in Victoria.  
<http://www.kidslikeus.org.au/>

## Advocacy and Information

- Information for older home educated students in Victoria:  
<https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/category/older-students/>

For tertiary education outside Australia, see:

<https://www.facebook.com/BeachHighSchool/>  
<http://beachhigh.education/>

Books:

“*Forging Paths: Beyond Traditional Schooling*”, by Wes Beach  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0615577849/>

“*Self-Directed Learning: Documentation and Life Stories*”, by Wes Beach  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0692407618/?tag=giftedhomesch-20>

“*From Home Education to Higher Education: A Guide for Recruiting, Assessing, and Supporting Homeschooled Applicants*”, by Lori Dunlap  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0692902597/?tag=giftedhomesch-20>

- Gifted Resources links for Home Education in Australia and Internationally  
<http://www.giftedresources.org/gr/webhomed.htm>

## Other Services

Australia has many good psychologists and professional services for assessing and helping gifted students. Ask your local gifted associations to recommend a local psychologist.

- A good place to start looking for psychologists is AHPRA (<https://www.ahpra.gov.au/>), which is searchable database of specialists. Searching the database is easy, and you can search for psychologists with an expertise is gifted, or specifically for clinical or educational & developmental psychologists if you also need expertise in 2e issues.
- Australian Gifted Support also offer assessments and support services.  
<http://australiangiftedsupport.com/>
- Kids Like Us also offer support services for twice exceptional children in Victoria.  
<http://www.kidslikeus.org.au/>
- GERRIC offers professional training in GT education as well as summer programs for gifted children in NSW.  
<https://education.arts.unsw.edu.au/about-us/gerric/>
- The Krongold Centre is attached to Monash University, Victoria, and do assessments for giftedness generally at lower prices than a private psychologist. They also specialise in 2e assessments.  
<https://www.monash.edu/education/about/krongold-clinic>
- VAGTC put out a booklet for links and contacts for gifted/2e support services.  
<https://www.vagtc.org.au/product/vagtc-resource-book-7th-edition/>

If you have any other recommendations for professional services for the gifted/2e community that you can pass along, please feel free to email me so I can add them to the list for other families.

## General Information

### Gifted Resources

#### Books

- *Off the Charts: Asynchrony and the Gifted Child*, by Chrstine S. Neville, Michael M. Piechowski, and Stephanie S. Tolan
- *Upside-Down Brilliance: The Visual-Spatial Learner*, by Linda Kreger Silverman
- *Exceptionally Gifted Children*, by Miraca U. M. Gross
- *Raising Your Spirited Child: A Guide for Parents Whose Child Is More Intense, Sensitive, Perceptive, Persistent, Energetic*, by Mary Sheedy Kurcinka
- *A Nation Deceived: How Schools Hold Back America's Brightest Students*, b, Nicholas Colangelo, Susan G. Assouline, and Miraca U. M. Gross
- *Genius Denied: How to Stop Wasting Our Brightest Young Minds*, by Jan Davidson, Bob Davidson, and Laura Vanderkam.
- *Living with Intensity: Understanding the Sensitivity, Excitability, and Emotional Development of Gifted Children, Adolescents, and Adults*, by Susan Daniels and Michael M. Piechowski
- *Guiding the Gifted Child: A Practical Source for Parents and Teachers*, by James T. Webb, Elizabeth A. Meckstroth, and Stephanie S. Tolan
- *Gifted Myths: An Easy-to-Read Guide to Myths on the Gifted and Twice-Exceptional*, by Kathleen Humble

#### Websites

- GHF Learners (GHF)  
<https://ghflearners.org>
- Hoagies Gifted is an enormous resource for all things gifted.  
[www.hoagiesgifted.org](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org)
- SENG (Supporting the Emotional Needs of the Gifted)  
<http://www.sengifted.org/>
- Supporting Gifted Learners  
<https://www.facebook.com/SupportingGiftedLearners/>
- The Daimon Institute for the Highly Gifted  
<https://www.facebook.com/TheDaimonInstituteForTheHighlyGifted/>
- *Small Poppies: Highly Gifted Children in the Early Years*, by M. Gross  
[http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles\\_id\\_10124.aspx](http://www.davidsongifted.org/db/Articles_id_10124.aspx)
- *Is it a Cheetah*, by Stephanie S. Tolan  
[http://www.stephanietolan.com/is\\_it\\_a\\_cheetah.htm](http://www.stephanietolan.com/is_it_a_cheetah.htm)
- *My Little Poppies*, Caitlin Fitzpatrick Curley  
<https://my-little-poppies.com>
- *Living With Intensity Podcast*, by Aurora Holtzman  
<https://www.auroraremember.com/embracing-intensity>

#### Online Forums and Support Groups

- Parents of Gifted and Twice-Exceptional Kids  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/parentsofgiftedand2ekids/>

- Gifted Homeschoolers Forum (GHF Learners) Discussion Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghfdiscuss/>
- Davidson Gifted Forum: A US-based organisation for the profoundly gifted and their families.  
[giftedissues.davidsongifted.org/BB](http://giftedissues.davidsongifted.org/BB)
- TagFam  
[www.tagfam.org](http://www.tagfam.org)
- TagPDQ (highly gifted+)  
[www.tagfam.org](http://www.tagfam.org)
- Highly Gifted+ NZ and Around the World  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/HighlyGifted/>
- Texas Families of the Profoundly Gifted  
<https://www.facebook.com/texasparentingpg/>
- PG Poppies (for parents of profoundly gifted children)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/941986892514306/>
- Autism & Homeschooling  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/301306666568425/>
- Gameschooling Community – My Little Poppies  
(run by Caitlin Fitzpatrick Curley, writer and mother of 2e children)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/GameschoolMyLittlePoppies/>
- Mary’s Gifted Contacts  
(Mainly NZ)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gifted.contacts/>

## Gifted/2e Home Education

### *Books*

- *Creative Homeschooling: A Resource Guide for Smart Families*, by Lisa Rivero  
<https://www.amazon.com.au/Creative-Homeschooling-Guide-Smart-Families-ebook/dp/B00KHEMI11>
- *Making the Choice: When Typical School Doesn’t Fit Your Atypical Child*, by Corin Barsily Goodwin and Mika Gustavson  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B00U1Q0OAE>
- *Forging Paths: Beyond Traditional Schooling*, by Wes Beach  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0615577849/>
- *Learning in the 21st Century: How to Connect, Collaborate, and Create*, by Ben Curran and Neil Wetherbee  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/0615737889/?tag=giftedhomesch-20/>
- *How to Work and Homeschool: Practical Advice, Tips, and Strategies from Parents*, by Pamela Price (Out of print).  
More up to date information here:  
<http://www.howtoworkandhomeschool.com>
- *If This is a Gift, Can I Send It Back?- Surviving in the Land of the Gifted and Twice Exceptional*, by Jen Merrill  
<https://www.amazon.com/dp/B008SHPN50>

- *Some of My Best Friends Are Books: Guiding Gifted Readers from Preschool to High School*, by Judith Wynn Halsted  
<https://www.amazon.com.au/Some-Best-Friends-Are-Books/dp/0910707960>

#### Websites

- Hoagies Gifted  
[http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/home\\_school.htm](http://www.hoagiesgifted.org/home_school.htm)
- Gifted Homeschoolers Forum  
<https://ghflearners.org>
- Laughing at Chaos  
<https://www.facebook.com/LaughingAtChaos/>
- Lists of great Gifted/2e Homeschooling resources from My Little Poppies  
<https://my-little-poppies.com/helpful-resources-during-this-uncertain-time/>

#### Online Forums and Support Groups

- Gifted Homeschoolers Forum (GHF Learners) Discussion Group  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/ghfdiscuss/>
- Homeschooling Mensans  
[homeschoolingmensans@yahoo.com](mailto:homeschoolingmensans@yahoo.com)
- TagMAX: Home educating gifted  
[www.tagfam.org](http://www.tagfam.org)
- CTGiftedHomeschoolers  
[ctgiftedhomeschoolers@yahoo.com](mailto:ctgiftedhomeschoolers@yahoo.com)
- Gifted Unschooling  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/giftedunschooling/>

### Home Education

#### Books

- *How Children Learn*, by John Holt
- *Project-based Homeschooling: Mentoring Self-directed Learners*, by Lori McWilliam Pickert

#### Websites

- Homeschooling 101  
<http://homeschooling.about.com/od/gettingstarted/p/homeschool101.htm>
- Homeschool Australia: A good starting website  
<http://homeschoolaustralia.com/>
- A to Z Home's Cool: Good resources  
<http://a2zhomeschooling.com/>
- HEN Facebook page  
<https://www.facebook.com/pages/Home-Education-Network-Australia/177340918944325/>
- Outdoor Homeschooling  
<https://www.facebook.com/OutdoorHomeEducation/>

### Work and Home Education

#### Books

- *How to Work and Homeschool: Practical Advice, Tips, and Strategies from Parents*, by Pamela Price (Out of Print)  
More up to date information here:  
<http://www.howtoworkandhomeschool.com>

### *Websites*

- Real Life Schedules  
<https://hiphomeschoolmoms.com/working-homeschool-moms-real-life-schedules/>
- How to Work and Homeschool  
<http://www.howtoworkandhomeschool.com/>

### *Online Forums and Support Groups*

- How to Work and Homeschool Facebook group  
<https://www.facebook.com/howtoworkandhomeschool/>

## **Unschooling/Natural Learning**

### *Books*

- *Gifted Education Comes Home: A Case For Self Directed Homeschooling*, by Lisa Rivero
- *HEN Otherways* has some great articles about unschooling in Australia. Check their back issues.
- *Learning All the Time*, John Holt
- *Dumbing Us Down: The Hidden Curriculum of Compulsory Schooling*, John Taylor Gatto
- *Unschooling Rules: 55 Ways to Unlearn What We Know About Schools and Rediscover Education*, by Clark Aldrich
- *Free to Learn*, by Pam Laricchia
- *Teach Your Own: A New and Hopeful Path for Parents and Educators*, by John Holt

### *Websites*

- Website on John Holt, guru of unschooling  
<http://www.johnholtgws.com/>
- Buffalo Mama: Unschooling the Intensely Gifted  
<http://buffalomama.wordpress.com/2013/05/13/unschooling-the-intensely-gifted-a-cautionary-tale/>
- *How to Create an Unschooling Learning Plan to Meet Registration Requirements* (Not Victorian Specific)  
<http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/linkingunschoolingplantooutcomes.html>
- Life with Intensity  
<http://lifewithintensity.blogspot.com.au/2013/03/we-unschool-well-sorta-whats-your.html>
- My own writings on unschooling gifted/2e children, at Yellow Readis  
<https://yellowreadis.com/?s=unschooling>
- Home Education Network, Styles of Education  
<https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/category/getting-started/styles-of-education/>

### *Online Forums and Support Groups*

- Gifted Unschooling  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/giftedunschooling/>

## **Twice Exceptional**

### *Books*

- Booklets on 2e children  
[http://www.2enewsletter.com/topic\\_store\\_spotlight\\_details.html](http://www.2enewsletter.com/topic_store_spotlight_details.html)
- *Different Minds: Gifted Children with AD/HD, Asperger Syndrome, and Other Learning Deficits*, by Deirdre V Lovecky.

- *Misdiagnosis and Dual Diagnoses of Gifted Children and Adults: ADHD, Bipolar, OCD, Asperger's, Depression, and Other Disorders*, by James T. Webb
- *Bright Not Broken: Gifted Kids, ADHD, and Autism*, by Diane M. Kennedy

#### Websites

- The 2e Newsletter  
<http://www.2enewsletter.com/>

### Disability

#### Books

- *Raising a sensory smart child: The Definitive Handbook for Helping Your Child with Sensory Processing Issues*, by Biel, Lindsey, and Nancy K. Peske
- *The Out-of-sync Child: Recognizing and Coping with Sensory Processing Disorder*, by Carol Stock Kranowitz
- *The Autistic Brain, Thinking Across the Spectrum*, by Temple Grandin
- *Aspergers in Love, Couple Relationships and Family Affairs*, by Maxine Aston

#### Websites

- Homeschooling with Chronic Fatigue A religious-based site for families  
<http://www.restministries.org/life/homeschool.htm>
- Special Needs Homeschooling  
<http://specialneedshomeschooling.com/?p=239>
- ADHD Information Library  
<http://newideas.net/adhd/neurology>
- ADDitude Magazine  
<https://www.additudemag.com>
- Thinking Persons Guide to Autism  
<http://www.thinkingautismguide.com>

#### Other

- Parent Support group for Sensory Processing Disorder  
<https://www.facebook.com/sensoryprocessingdisorderparentsupport/>
- Adelaide Home Ed Group ASD  
<http://www.facebook.com/groups/346387518772910/>
- GLD Australia  
[http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page\\_id=1053](http://www.aaegt.net.au/?page_id=1053)
- Autism and Homeschooling  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/301306666568425/>
- Gifted 2E Support – Australia  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/gifted2Eau/>
- Homeschooling Parents with a Chronic Illness / Disability  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/DisabledParentsWhoHomeschool/>
- Gifted “Underachievers”  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/giftedunderachievers/>
- Parents of Twice Exceptional Children  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/158474124337015/>

- Yellow Ladybugs (Vic)  
<https://www.facebook.com/groups/128931611027890/>

Honestly, with all the changes currently, your local disability support organisation is probably putting together information on how to home educate your kids. Check out their website for current information. The amount of information is exploding daily.

## Curriculum

I have either used or received strong recommendations from other parents for the following free or paid-for resources.

### Books

- Singapore Maths  
I recommend the New Syllabus, primary Maths or Primary Maths, 3rd Edition as these have Australian, not American, currency.  
<http://www.singaporemath.com/>
- *Penrose the Mathematical Cat*, by Theoni Pappas  
Text- and story-based mathematics and problems
- *The Further Adventures of Penrose the Mathematical Cat*, by Theoni Pappas
- *The Number Devil: A Mathematical Adventure*, by Hans Magnus Enzensberger
- *The Surfing Scientist: 40 Super Human Body Tricks*, by Ruben Meerman  
Great and easy science experiments
- Adam Spencer's books on mathematics, which include: *Big Book of Numbers*, *World of Numbers*, *Time Machine*, and *The Number Games*.  
<https://www.adampencer.com.au/shop/>
- *The Joy of Mathematics*, by Alfred S. Posamentier

### Websites

#### General

- Kahn Academy: Structured free lessons on almost any topic (K-12 + some university)  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/>
- Coursera: University courses  
<https://www.coursera.org/>
- MOOC List: List of all free university courses from all online providers  
<http://www.mooc-list.com/>
- HEN list of resources  
<http://www.home-ed.vic.edu.au/resources/>
- Gameschooling Resources by Subject  
<https://my-little-poppies.com/gameschooling/>

#### Science

- The Maker Mom: All things science  
<http://www.themakermom.com/>
- Nottingham Uni: Chemistry videos  
<http://periodicvideos.com/>

- Sixty Symbols: Physics videos  
<http://www.sixtysymbols.com/>
- VSauce: General science  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Vsauce>
- Go React!: Use the Periodic Table to make chemicals  
<http://www.msichicago.org/play/goreact/>
- Minute Physics  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/minutephysics>
- Brains Matter  
<https://www.facebook.com/brainsmatterpodcast?ref=profile>
- Science Alert  
<http://www.sciencealert.com/>
- BBC Bitesize  
<http://www.bbc.co.uk/education>
- Veritasium  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/1veritasium>

#### Mathematics

- Prodigy: Maths Learning Platform (K – 8)  
<https://www.prodigygame.com>
- DragonBox Math Apps  
<https://dragonbox.com>
- Vi Hart: Mathematics videos  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/Vihart>
- KenKens  
[http://www.kenken.com/play\\_now](http://www.kenken.com/play_now)
- Mathletics: This is a popular Australian schools-based program. I am unsure if acceleration is available. Discounts are available through HEN.  
<http://www.mathletics.com.au/>
- Numberphile  
<https://www.youtube.com/user/numberphile>
- Khan Academy (excellent for teachers and parents, with full classroom control of assignments and automated reports, K-12+)  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/math>

#### Second Languages

- Duolingo  
<https://www.duolingo.com/>
- Rosetta Stone  
<http://www.therosettastone.com.au/>

#### English

- Apps for handwriting  
<http://www.pinterest.com/pin/571464640189840117/>
- English curriculum, teacher resource lesson plans  
<http://e4ac.edu.au/>
- Teach Your Monster to Read

<https://www.teachyourmonstertoread.com/>

#### Art and Humanities

- National Geographic  
<http://kids.nationalgeographic.com/>
- Global Education: Good lesson plans based on the Australian curriculum  
<http://www.globaleducation.edu.au/resources-gallery/resource-gallery.html>
- Australian Studies  
<http://toomanyflowers.wordpress.com/unit-studies/australian-history-first-fleet-sydney-cove/>
- Australian History  
<http://www.mylittlebookcase.com.au/books/aussie-book-lists-australian-history-for-young-readers/>
- Fair Dinkum Histories, Jackie French  
<http://www.jackiefrench.com/dinkum-histories->
- Traditional Ecological Calendar: Aboriginal Studies  
<https://www.csiro.au/en/Research/Environment/Land-management/Indigenous/Indigenous-calendars/Gulumoerrgin>
- Australian Curriculum Pinterest board  
<http://www.pinterest.com/andyatjuc/australian-curriculum/>
- Art and Music resources  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/humanities/music>
- And don't forget to visit your local museum and galleries. They have a wealth of information and resources for kids, and often have study-guides for teachers on their websites. They often have a lot of information and online tours as well.

#### Coding

- Scratch Coding, MIT  
<https://scratch.mit.edu>
- Human Resource Machine  
<https://tomorrowcorporation.com/humanresourcemachine>
- 7 Billion Humans  
<https://tomorrowcorporation.com/7billionhumans>
- Khan Academy, Hour of Code  
<https://www.khanacademy.org/hourofcode>

#### Other

- We use an eclectic mix of natural learning resources  
<http://www.pinterest.com/yellowreadis/curriculum/>

## Blogs

Check out these blogs to find out what other parents are doing, get tips on home education, curriculum reviews and commiserating about the challenges of home educating gifted/2e children.

### Australian

#### *Gifted/2e*

- Sprite's Site  
<http://spritessite.wordpress.com/>

#### *Gifted/2e Home Education*

- Yellow Readis: My blog on homeschooling 2e children in Victoria  
<https://yellowreadis.com>
- Defying Gravity: Ingi's blog on homeschooling gifted children in Australia  
<http://ingidefyinggravity.blogspot.com.au/>

#### *Home Education*

- A Moment in Our World  
<https://simplelivingcreativelearning.com>
- HEN Articles on Home Education in Vic from Families  
<https://home-ed.vic.edu.au/articles/>

### International

#### *Gifted/2e and Gifted/2e Home Education*

- Laughing at Chaos  
<https://www.laughingatchaos.com>
- My Little Poppies  
<https://my-little-poppies.com>
- BJ's Homeschool  
<https://www.bjshomeschool.com>
- Crushing Tall Poppies  
<https://crushingtallpoppies.com>
- The Fringy Bit  
<http://www.thefringybit.com/>

#### *Home Education*

- Hip Homeschool Moms  
<http://www.hiphomeschoolmoms.com/>
- The Homeschooling Sisters  
<http://thehomeschoolsisters.com/>