

NAVIGATING COMMUNICATION & SOCIAL INTERACTIONS FOR STUDENTS ON THE AUTISM SPECTRUM

MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2021



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Learning 4 All

ALL STAFF IN JUNIOR PRIMARY, PRIMARY, MIDDLE, SECONDARY SCHOOLS AND SPECIAL EDUCATION SETTINGS Including leadership, Special Education and wellbeing/subject coordinators, counsellors, classroom teachers, TRTs, and support staff

ALL STAFF IN EARLY LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS Including Child Care, Early Learning Centres, Kindergarten and Preschool

This workshop is intended for all school staff working with students or involved in planning, program or policy development for students on the Autism spectrum. The workshop will provide a brief introduction to Autism, followed by a comprehensive review of communication issues for kids and teens on the Autism Spectrum, including:

- Students who can't communicate verbally
- Difficulties having a conversation
- Difficulties understanding another person's perspective
- Over-sharing about their strong interest
- Difficulties with understanding and solving problems
- Difficulties understanding that their knowledge/thoughts/beliefs could be different from someone else's knowledge/thoughts/beliefs
- Difficulties understanding hidden intents, such as ulterior motives and advertising
- Difficulties understanding figurative language

Learning outcomes for this workshop include:

- Developing an understanding of Autism Spectrum Disorder.
- Developing an understanding of communication challenges facing those on the Autism Spectrum.
- Developing strategies to assist those on the Autism Spectrum with communication and understanding others.

Please note that this workshop will provide information relevant to multiple age groups. Participants will be supported in developing strategies aimed at their relevant cohort.

Certificates will be provided that include reference to the Teacher Standards that apply to this workshop:

- ✓ **Standard 1.5** Differentiate teaching to meet the specific learning needs of students across the full range of abilities
- ✓ **Standard 1.6** Strategies to support full participation of students with disability

ABOUT THE PRESENTER

Liberty is the Director and Principal Speech Pathologist of Liberty Speech Pathology, a thriving paediatric private practice that has been providing services to the North East since 2005. She has a Bachelor of Speech Pathology (2001) from Flinders University and a speech pathology background in disability (Novita) and education (Department of Education and Child Development) as well as nearly 15 years in private practice.

DATE: MONDAY 9TH AUGUST 2021
TIME: 9.00AM - 3.30PM
COST: \$160 GST INC
VENUE: THE HIGHWAY
290 ANZAC HIGHWAY, PLYMPTON

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Tea and coffee on arrival, morning tea and lunch provided. Free onsite parking available.

