

## **G.A.T.E.WAYS**

G.A.T.E.WAYS (Gifted and Talented Education, Extension and Enrichment) was established in 1994 by Win Smith and Jill Lawrence, both of whom have backgrounds in teaching and parenting gifted children.

It is their aim to provide opportunities for children of 'like minds' to participate in programmes that will challenge them intellectually and help develop their individual talents. Initially G.A.T.E.WAYS ran several '*Festival of Workshops*' series during holiday time. These programmes were so successful that [Brainwaves Clubs](#) were established at two venues. Subsequently many schools approached G.A.T.E.WAYS to host school-time programmes. Since that time, short term and extended programmes in all areas of the curriculum have been offered in schools throughout Melbourne and 'On Location'. Children from all education sectors - State, Catholic, Jewish and Independent - attend G.A.T.E.WAYS.

G.A.T.E.WAYS is an independent, non-funded organisation.

St Mary's registered with Gateways in 2007 and will be offering some students the opportunity to attend G.A.T.E.WAYS during school time. Data gathered from Numeracy, Literacy and NAPLAN Testing will be used to determine which children will be invited to participate in the programme. This is an out of school programme, which requires parents to transport their children to various locations and pay an enrolment fee.

This programme is offered to selected students as an extra-curricular activity and is in no way compulsory. For further details visit the website:[www.gateways.edu.au](http://www.gateways.edu.au)

