



UNDERSTANDING THE KEY PRINCIPLES OF THE TEACCH FRAMEWORK

An evidence-based practice for students with ASD and Developmental Disabilities

DATE: Wednesday 11 September, 2013

WHERE: EASTERN RANGES SCHOOL
PROFESSIONAL LEARNING CENTRE
56 Dorset Road (Cnr Alma Avenue), Ferntree Gully 3156

TIME: 11.00am – 1.30pm

SEMINAR PRESENTERS: DR ANNA BORTOLI (ASSISTANT PRINCIPAL), GAIL PRESTON (PRINCIPAL)

Eastern Ranges School is a specialist school for students with ASD and currently it is a P-7 school. In 2012, the PCO team commenced the TEACCH training with Division TEACCH in North Carolina and in 2013 Gail and Anna returned to Division TEACCH to complete the Advanced Training in the TEACCH framework. In 2012, we conducted a pilot study with 5 classrooms and the results from this pilot confirmed that this was the direction for our teaching practice at Eastern Ranges School. The roll-out of the TEACCH framework on a school-wide basis commenced in Term 2, 2013, in which Anna provided a 2-week coaching intervention, with the assistance of the two Leading Teachers who initially shadowed her, who then independently coached classrooms in their Departments.

Now that the TEACCH framework is a school-wide teaching approach, we have observed significant changes in student engagement and self-regulation. As a result, we consider the TEACCH framework to be our response to the School-wide Positive Behaviour Support Program.

This seminar will be an introduction for parents and caregivers. From the visual data gathered during the pilot and the coaching this year, you will see why this is the preferred teaching framework for our school. As a life-long learning approach the principles of TEACCH can be applied across school, home and community environments. In 2014, we will be running a spaced-learning training program of Structured Teaching for parents and caregivers, which will involve observing the principles of TEACCH in action, assessing and collaborative problem solving. The training program for families will be called Structured Functional Independence.

LIMITED 50 PLACES ONLY

Please phone Audrey Brewis, Administrative Assistant, Eastern Ranges School, 9758 3772 to register your attendance.