

## Marilyn Patterson



### UNDERSTANDING AND WORKING WITH AUTISM/ ASPERGER SYNDROME



Marilyn Patterson has had many years' experience in education – as a special educator, primary and high school teacher and as Head of Special Education. Her expertise has been in the areas of autism and behaviour management and she has delivered a wide range of effective, timely and significant training programs in these areas.

Her work in delivering quality training in the areas of autism/Asperger Syndrome in the home and school environments and in workforce participation has been very well received in the past 3 years.

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Autism Focus is presenting the popular

### “ Understanding and working with Autism/Asperger Syndrome”

training package again on May 1<sup>st</sup>. Our February program was booked out so early registration is advised

Past participants have rated the program as: *Excellent!!!, Informative; practical; insightful and very relevant to teaching and learning*

#### Session One: Understanding the diagnosis and symptoms of Autism/Asperger's (ASD)

- Differentiating between Autism/Asperger's
- Common features- early and later indicators
- The Triad of Impairments
- Identifying the dominant Intelligence/extreme giftedness
- Tolerances and intolerances
- ASD and classroom implications and adjustments

#### Session Two: Successful teaching and learning practices

- Examples and strategies showcased from real classrooms
- Transitions and inclusive practices - (the 3 P's)
- Modifications to suit individual needs
- Teaching appropriate social behaviours and making the right choices
- Time and anger management strategies including Red Card Green card choices
- The 3 R's – relationships, responsibility and recreation

#### Session Three: Avoiding the Blow Ups

- Understanding the Behaviour Continuum
- Effective interventions at each point of increasing stress and anger
- Power Struggles – do we need them?
- Anger management strategies in depth
- Choosing appropriate behavior and social interactions
- Taking responsibility for self management

**Suitable for: Educators, counsellors, psychologists, families and carers, disabilities support workers, childcare workers, respite officers, doctors and others interested in ASD**

**Date:** Friday May 1st, 8:30 registration – 3:00pm

**Venue:** Greek Club and Convention Centre 29 Edmonstone St, Sth Brisbane; 07 3844 1166. Some parking on site, metered parking on street, closest train station, South Bank

**Cost:** **Early Bird discount \$159 prior to 30/4/09, \$170 after 1/5/09. GST, m/tea, lunch and full handouts included**

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