



New Zealand Centre  
for Gifted Education  
*Empowering Extraordinary Minds*

# How to spot a gifted kid in the wild.



**Gifted brains are simply wired differently. Our gifted learners see and experience the world differently, across their whole life-span.**

At MindPlus, we recognise gifted learners as those who have innate high abilities and particular personal qualities that can be seen across different domains - the intellectual domain first and foremost, but also the creative, social, cultural and physical domains.

We also recognise that giftedness can co-exist with other neurodiversities like ADHD, ASD and dyslexia. We know that with the right support, our gifted learners can develop those differently wired brains and can achieve extraordinary things.

**Here are some 'field guide' tips for people who would like to better spot a gifted kid.**

**Ask yourself, does this child...**

- ask lots of questions, maybe unusual ones?
- have deep interests or passions, which could be either long-lasting or fleeting?
- have BIG emotions, 'all the feels'?
- seem different to same-age peers?
- enjoys a quirky sense of humour?
- grasp complex, abstract or advanced ideas quickly?

NZCGE is here to help! For 25 years we have committed to a vision for all of Aotearoa's gifted children to receive the specialist support they need to thrive and to achieve their full potential.

**Applications are now open for Term Three for:**

**MindPlus OurSchool** - where like minds come together for one day a week at one of our 13 host schools nationwide (Y2-8)

**MindPlus Online** - where like minds connect online, from wherever you are, for a half day each week (Y2-10)

**Applications are always open for:**

**MindPlus PreSchool** - bringing parents and children aged 2-6 years together for stimulating early learning experiences

**MindPlus Badges** - self-paced modules of work designed to build strengths in high interest areas, delivered online (Y2-10)

To apply, visit our website [www.nzcge.nz](http://www.nzcge.nz) email us at [hello@nzcge.co.nz](mailto:hello@nzcge.co.nz) or call us on **0800 769 243**.

**Schools can partner with us to offer our MindPlus programme to their own students with our support:**

**MindPlus YourSchool** - a partnership between a school or cluster of schools and NZCGE to deliver MindPlus and to develop teacher capabilities as a specialist gifted teacher (Y2-10)

Learn more at [www.nzcge.nz/yourschool](http://www.nzcge.nz/yourschool) or get in touch at [hello@nzcge.co.nz](mailto:hello@nzcge.co.nz).

