

Speaking Engagement/Workshop Information

Request Form and Schedule of Fees

NELLE FRANCES

- Author of the *Ben and His Helmet* series
- Sensory Detective™ Training Workshops
- Sensory Detective™ classes
- Special Needs Educator
- Parent of an ASC Child

AspergerChild.com and the *Ben and His Helmet* books were created by Nelle Frances, a Special Needs Educator with over 16 years experience working with children in Primary and High Schools, and the parent of a child with Asperger's Syndrome.

Nelle grew extremely frustrated by the lack of resources available that “told it like it is” – from an Asperger child's point of view. Relevant and appealing children's books within the fiction genre were almost non-existent.

Nelle believes that all behaviour is a form of communication and once this is recognised parents, carers and teachers are better able to accommodate the Asperger child's needs.

Nelle's passionate in her support of children and adults with Asperger's Syndrome and works to mentor them towards self-advocacy. She regularly speaks at Conferences and Seminars about her books and her personal journey with Asperger's Syndrome.

Nelle has over 16 years experience as Special Needs Educator with working with children on the Autistic Spectrum, from Elementary School through to University age. By applying her knowledge and experience, she has created the *Ben and His Helmet* books especially for children with Asperger's Syndrome.

Nelle understands how essential it is to have access to sound advice and positive anecdotal evidence, especially in the early days after diagnosis, when you're struggling to make the “clinical” diagnosis fit the actual picture of your child.

Nelle's aim is to provide you with a comprehensive “description” of Asperger's Syndrome within the pages of Aspergerchild.com, to help make the “pieces of the jigsaw” fall into place.

Aspergerchild.com's mission statement is *“to recognise and validate the thoughts and perspective of an Asperger child through the power of the written word, and in doing so promote acceptance, understanding and tolerance in the communities surrounding them.”*

Nelle hopes to empower you to take control of your personal journey with Asperger's Syndrome and create a positive path forward, as you support and accommodate your Asperger child.

Prices, terms and conditions subject to change without notice

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NELLE'S SPEAKING TOPICS

- Accommodations for AS Students
- Anecdotal examples of characteristics and their manifestations
- AS emotional regulation difficulties
- Changing perspectives of AS
- Establishing scaffolding for communication skill-building
- History/Background of Asperger's Syndrome (AS)
- In depth description of AS character traits
- Insight into AS processing differences
- Intricate nature of AS
- Nelle's personal journey
- Overview of AS Characteristics
- Strategies for dealing with challenging behaviour
- Success Oriented Learning with positive reinforcement
- Using the *Ben and His Helmet* books within the curriculum

SENSORY DETECTIVE WORKSHOP TM

Nelle can also deliver her **Sensory Detective Workshop TM**

- Autistic Spectrum Condition Educational Resource.

Nelle's workshop delivers understanding of the needs of students/clients with Autism/Asperger's Syndrome and provides Teachers, Professionals and Families the opportunity to implement simple "differentiation" strategies to enable students to develop capabilities within the Australian Curriculum, with a focus on:-

Priority 3 – Quality curriculum & planning to improve learning

Priority 4 – Teaching focused on the achievement of every student

Priority 5 – Monitoring student progress & responding to learning needs.

Nelle's workshop demonstrates how a person with Autism Spectrum Disorder's (ASD) response to sensory stimuli influences their behaviour, emotional development and academic progress.

Workshop outcomes include being able to:

- ✓ Identify sensory stimuli
- ✓ Identify which senses are affected
- ✓ Identify indications of sensory sensitivity
- ✓ Recognise sensory agitation
- ✓ Understand the connection between sensory issues + behaviour
- ✓ Establish accommodations for ASD child

Nelle's Workshop Within the Australian Curriculum

Workshop aligns to *General Capabilities*, in particular the organising elements of *Personal & Social Capabilities*, *Critical & Creative Thinking* and *Ethical Behaviour*

Professional Development Contribution (5.5 hours)

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FEEDBACK

"In 2005 we held our first event with Nelle during Autism Awareness Week where she delivered a session called "What is Normal?" This session was life-changing for the many who attended, as Nelle taught practical strategies on how to cope with a child who has Asperger's, as well as offering reassurance and support on what can be a challenging role for parents and carers. A great deal of very positive feedback has been received by staff from members of the community regarding the knowledge, skills and support Nelle has provided them with."

Jacqueline Walch, Branch Coordinator, Caloundra Central Library, Australia

"We continue to have very positive feedback from those who attended the workshop. It was so high-energy and the impact felt by participants was incredible!"

Jan Harrison, Brisbane School of Distance Education, West End Q, Australia

"It was a great Inservice – informative, insightful, intriguing! I've gained a great deal of knowledge and understanding. Best session of the day!"

TAFE Mooloolaba Qld, Australia, Participant Evaluation Form

- Excellent – very interesting and informative
- Very good presenter – especially enjoyed the humour woven in
- Very engaging and interactive
- Very interesting and thought provoking. I have a lot to take back to use with families
- Autism presentation was fantastic
- Very, educational and informative, very high quality presentation
- Excellent – motivated and passionate speaker
- Splendid PD. Extremely beneficial to have the full picture of this complex issue.
- I found today so informative! I thought I was educated on this subject matter but realised I was not. Very relevant to child and Family Health.

Feedback/Evaluation, Sunshine Coast Health Service – Nambour Hospital Q 2010

AV REQUIREMENTS

To be used as a guide only. Requirements will vary slightly depending on the venue audience, and Speaking/Workshop Engagement

- Data Projector (or Smartboard)
- Screen
- Laptop
- Power board
- Lectern
- Microphone
- Sound System

Workshop Additional Requirements

- Enough floor space for participants

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SCHEDULE OF FEES

Consultation Fees

Nelle offers consultations individualised to your needs. This service is available to schools, allied health workers and parents.

Consultancy Fee

\$120-AUD per hour

Speaking Fees

Nelle offers an informative presentation, which includes an overview of [Autism Spectrum Condition](#) characteristics, their link to behaviours displayed by individuals on the spectrum and practical strategies for coping.

Key Note Presentation:

60 – 90 minutes + question time

\$1800-AUD

Sensory Detective Workshop TM

An [Autistic Spectrum Condition](#) Educational Resource for Professionals, Therapists, Educators, Parents and Carers for Professional Development days or Staff In-service Sessions.

Workshop Presentation:

5.5 hours (including question time)
+ transport & accommodation

\$3000-AUD

MORE CHILDREN WILL BE DIAGNOSED WITH **AUTISM**
THIS YEAR THAN WITH **AIDS+DIABETES+CANCER.**

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