

# Special Education Consultant

## Expertise in Gifted & Talented; Autism Spectrum Disorder; Disengaged Learners

Arriving recently from Australia, Emma is delighted to be working with the Cayman community to assist in wider support in the field of Gifted and Talented Education, Spectrum Learning (autism spectrum disorder and associated developmental needs); and disengaged/at-risk youth.  
Assistance for learners age 4-18.

Support includes:

- **Individual sessions for learners -**
  - Enrichment, Organisation, Time management and study skills, Cognitive Engagement; use of the PLIESETM Methodology
- **Support to teachers and aligned health professionals -**
  - seminars, information sessions
- **Group sessions -**
  - like minds, social development, social language

A wide range of services and support are available - please contact Emma or Hope Academy to make an appointment.

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### **EMMA L. DONALDSON B.Ed(Hons); VIT; TAA IV; PhD Candidature**

Emma began her career as an Educator, Special Educator and Master In Charge Dance teacher. During this time, she coordinated Gifted and Talented Education programmes across schools and communities. Emma also had the privilege of working with learners with an autism spectrum disorder (ASD). Emma has specialist skills in facilitating the learning needs of disengaged children based on cognitive engagement and has worked extensively in a number of education settings with learners from age 4 upwards. During the past 3 years, she managed in autism specific Early Intervention Federal Government services, and developed a Registered Training Organisation for an Autism Service. Emma is a Health Science PhD candidate focusing on cognitive engagement of at-risk children and is the Director of Private Consultancy Colours of Grey Matters, and is the Co-Director of PLIESE Pty Ltd.