



Event Programme **2018**

We invite you to save these dates...



Montessori Australia's event programme for 2018 is designed to meet the needs of Montessori educators, carers and parents supporting human development at every stage of life, as well as Montessori School Boards and Principals, Business Managers and Administrators, and Montessori centre owners, managers and operators.

Our programme reflects the feedback and suggestions from past participants and Montessori Australia members and incorporates an impressive range of topics and presenters. We invite you and your learning community to support this significant Montessori professional development initiative.

We continue to provide opportunities for updates, in-depth learning in specific areas, collaborative learning from presenters and peers, as well as increasing parent knowledge in both small and large settings.

The scope and reach of our events programme for 2018 is extensive and we look forward to meeting friends old and new around Australia, as we continue to co-create our vibrant and supportive learning community.

For further details and bookings, please visit us online at: <https://www.montessori.org.au>
and like us on Facebook at: <https://www.facebook.com/montessoriaustralia> for regular updates.

CONFERENCES

We offer a range of conferences to meet the needs of our entire sector. Featuring international and national speakers, great venues, sponsors and exhibitors, food and drink, colleagues and friends, we have all the ingredients for professional renewal and informative and thought provoking content.



MONTESSORI EARLY CHILDHOOD CONFERENCE

GOLD COAST

QT Gold Coast, QLD

Saturday 17 March 8:45am – 5:00pm

Reception 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Sunday 18 March 9:30am – 12:45pm

Member \$540

Non-Member \$720

EARLY BIRD RATE (to 1 December 2017)

Member \$480 Non-Member \$640

This year's conference theme is 'Learning is Child's Play' which will focus on what we as Montessorians mean by play and how to optimise this for a child's development. We are thrilled that Prof. Laura Flores Shaw is able to return to Australia to join us once again for this event. We also welcome Marc Armitage from Malarkey Playwork, a professional playworker and international children's play consultant. Our other special guest speakers include Prof. Tony Okely, Sarah Breckenridge, Peta Gibson and Pamela Nunn. Come and join us at Australia's playground, the Gold Coast, host to the 2018 Commonwealth Games, for work and play. Save the date now for this informative and inspirational event.

MONTESSORI WHOLE SCHOOL REFRESHER

SYDNEY

Novotel Brighton Beach, NSW

Friday 8 June 9:00am – 5:00pm

Reception 5:00pm – 7:00pm

Saturday 9 June 9:00am – 5:00pm

Member \$600

Non-Member \$800

20% WA DELEGATES DISCOUNT

'Montessori Work and Play' will be the theme of this year's Montessori Whole School Refresher. The Refresher provides Montessori educators and administrators with professional development and network opportunities. Held in Sydney and attended by around 200 delegates, the Refresher opens with a plenary session, followed by separate workshops for each educator level. The workshops this year are:

0-3 Workshop – Erin Smith

3-6 Workshop – Uma Ramani

6-12 Workshop – TBA

Adolescent Workshop – Mike Waski

Note that this year the Montessori Innovation Summit will replace the Administrators Workshop normally held at the Refresher. We would also encourage principals to book into one of the Refresher Workshops so that they can consolidate their knowledge at this age group.



SPECIAL EVENT

MONTESSORI INNOVATION SUMMIT

SUNSHINE COAST

Venue TBA

Wednesday 3 October 9:00am – 5:00pm

MONTESSORI FOR THE DIGITAL AGE SYMPOSIUM

Thursday 4 October 9:00am – 5:00pm

ORGANISATIONAL DEVELOPMENT WORKSHOP

Friday 5 October 9:00am – 5:00pm

MONTESSORI LEADERSHIP FORUM

Member \$300 per day

Non-Member \$400 per day

When organisations succeed, it's because they know what to do – their mission, how to get it done and why they do it. Over three days Montessori Australia will be presenting three events focusing on Leadership and Innovation.

Learn how to innovate through chaos, uncertainty and periods of rapid change in our Montessori world.

For the Montessori for the Digital Age Symposium, we are excited to be joined by two leading Montessorians and a well-known Australian academic speaking on raising young children in a digital world.

For the Organisational Development Workshop, Kathy Minardi will be leading a workshop that has been described as provocative, transformative and compelling. You will walk away energised, motivated and better able to successfully lead your Montessori school.

The leadership forum on the third day will pull together elements of both of the previous days and be led by Greg McDonald and Kathy Minardi with other guest speakers.

There is also an optional social programme to make the most of this inspirational and engaging three-day special event.

FORUMS

MONTESSORI LEADERSHIP NETWORK FORUMS

Thursday 1 March

WA: Blue Gum Montessori School

Monday 5 March

QLD: Avenues Montessori Children's House

Tuesday 6 March

NSW: Montessori East, Bondi Junction

Wednesday 7 March

VIC: Melbourne Montessori School,
East Brighton

Thursday 8 March

SA: The Hills Montessori School

Forum 5:00pm – 6:30pm

Networking & Nibbles 6:30pm – 7:30pm

Member \$30

Non-Member \$40

MONTESSORI LEADERS CONNECTING, SHARING AND NETWORKING

Keep your finger on the pulse and learn about the latest Montessori news and events that directly relate to your school or centre leadership responsibilities. Learn about the latest Montessori developments in training and professional development, school and centre quality assurance, MISA Task Force initiatives, and other projects set to make an impact. A brief presentation will be followed by networking with fellow Montessori leaders in your state, including heads of schools, board members, business managers and centre directors. The forum runs from 5:00pm – 6:30pm, followed by informal networking to 7:30pm.

MONTESSORI PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORUM

VIC: Kingston Heath Primary School

Friday 27 April 10:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 28 April 9:00am – 4:30pm

Member \$210 per day

Non-Member \$280 per day

SUPPORTING MONTESSORI PEDAGOGY AND PRACTICE FOR PUBLIC SCHOOL PROGRAMMES

The forum presents a unique opportunity for educators working in, or interested in developing, public Montessori programmes, to come together to share insights and experiences.

The aim is to support schools on their journey of delivering quality Montessori programmes, to strengthen the Montessori Public Schools network, and to continue the conversation about the vision for the future of Montessori in public schools.



FORUMS

MEETING IN THE MIDDLE ADOLESCENT PROGRAMME FORUM

Rockingham Montessori School, WA

Thursday 6 September

Networking & Nibbles 4:30pm – 6:30pm

Friday 7 September 9:00am – 5:00pm

Saturday 8 September 9:00am – 5:00pm

Dinner 6:30pm – 8:30pm

Sunday 9 September 9:30am – 12:30pm

Member & Non-Member \$300

CONNECTING MONTESSORI ADOLESCENT PROGRAMME PRACTITIONERS

Meeting in the Middle provides educators working in, or seriously working towards, Montessori Adolescent Programmes in Australia and the wider region, with a valued opportunity to come together. The forum provides a space to share and examine practice and reflects upon the underlying structures and working processes that support the work with young adolescents in Montessori middle years programmes. Examine key issues and explore best practice. Connect to share insights, strategies, practices and resources.

MONTESSORI ECEC CENTRE DIRECTORS FORUM

Crowne Plaza Surfers Paradise, QLD

Tuesday 16 October

10:00am – 5:00pm

Member \$300

Non-Member \$400

SUPPORTING ECEC CENTRE DIRECTORS

This forum presents a unique opportunity for centre directors to come together to share insights and experiences about common issues such as training, professional learning, meeting regulatory requirements, staffing, assessment and ratings procedures, Montessori quality assurance, marketing, record keeping and much more.

MONTESSORI BUSINESS MANAGERS FORUM

Novotel Perth Langley, WA

Friday 1 June

9:00am – 5:00pm

Member \$300

Non-Member \$400

COLLEGIAL SUPPORT AND RESOURCES FOR BUSINESS ADMINISTRATION

The Business Managers Forum will feature guest speakers covering a range of topics relevant to financial management, leadership and emerging issues for Montessori Independent Schools Australia (MISA) schools. The forum is suited to principals, business managers, administrative staff and board members.

WORKSHOPS

Pedagogical and Specialist Professional Development Workshops



0-3 WORKSHOPS

Saturday 28 April 9:00am – 4:30pm

VIC: Plenty Valley Montessori School

Saturday 5 May 9:00am – 4:30pm

WA: Peaceful Rooms

Saturday 18 August 9:00am – 4:30pm

QLD: Indooroopilly Montessori

Saturday 25 August 9:00am – 4:30pm

SA: Precious Cargo, Collinswood

Saturday 8 September 9:00am – 4:30pm

NSW: Stepping Stones Montessori

Member \$180

Non-Member \$240

BUILDING YOUR CHILD'S BRAIN THROUGH LANGUAGE PRESENTED BY SARA BRADY

This workshop will focus on language development in children under the age of three. It will provide practical ideas on how to create a rich language environment for your child and how this will influence his or her cognitive development. Discover the role that language plays in maths and how an adult's language can influence self-regulation, executive function and development of the child's prefrontal cortex.

3-6 WORKSHOP

Saturday 8 September

9:00am – 4:30pm

VIC: ACMS Training Centre

Member \$210

Non-Member \$280

BRINGING ORDER OUT OF CHAOS PRESENTED BY AMY KIRKHAM

This workshop will help you create order out of what is often the chaos of paperwork. Come along if you are interested in:

- exploring different aspects of observation in the context of the planning cycle
- discussing different methods of effective documentation and record keeping
- finding out how you can save yourself time and energy while meeting the needs of the child

WORKSHOPS

PEOPLE SKILLS WORKSHOP FOR MONTESSORI TEACHERS & ADMINISTRATORS

Friday 4 May 9:00am – 4:30pm

VIC: TBA

Saturday 5 May 9:00am – 4:30pm

NSW: Inner Sydney Montessori School

Friday 18 May 9:00am – 4:30pm

QLD: Building Futures Forest Lake

Saturday 19 May 9:00am – 4:30pm

SA: Woodcroft Little Learners

Monday 21 May 9:00am – 4:30pm

WA: Blue Gum Montessori School

Member \$210

Non-Member \$280

PRESENTED BY CHRISTINE HARRISON

This workshop will cover listening skills, conflict management skills, cooperative problem skills and managing emotions in the context of a Montessori school or centre. The workshop will address the challenges of working in teams made up of different individuals and, in a hands-on practical way, help build the skills to create productive teams in which everyone feels valued and able to give their best.

MONTESSORI CURRICULUM WORKSHOPS

Association of Independent Schools, NSW

Monday 29 January 9:00am – 4:30pm

Friday 28 September 9:00am – 4:30pm

Member \$210

Non-Member \$280

CURRICULUM MAPPING FOR NSW

These workshops provide a collaborative space for interested Montessori school staff to undertake professional development with the support of fellow NSW Montessori teaching professionals. Education regulations consultants from AISNSW will be available to provide input in relation to meeting NESA requirements for registration.



Completing the Montessori Curriculum Workshop will contribute 5 hours of NESA Registered Professional Development addressing 6.2.2 and 6.3.2 from the Australian Professional Standards for Teachers towards maintaining Proficient Teacher Accreditation in NSW.

6-12 WORKSHOPS

DETAILS COMING SOON



BUILDING SUPPORTIVE LEARNING COMMUNITIES



As in the classroom, as a Montessori community we strive to model Grace and Courtesy in our professional lives. These special courtesies are as important as when we work together in collaborative groups during professional development workshops, as when we work with children. The following information will assist workshop presenters, delegates, event coordinators and host venues build supportive learning communities.

- The annual Montessori Australia Event Programme is sent to all Montessori schools and centres by the beginning of Term 4 the previous year so that the dates may be included in their calendar, communicated to staff/parents, and plan for their professional development days.
- The Event Programme has been developed with input from the Montessori community including evaluations, forums and surveys.
- While there may be other professional development on offer to schools and centres, this Event Programme has been designed to specifically support the whole Montessori community.
- We particularly encourage a whole school commitment for the Whole School Refresher and recommend that the Friday be scheduled as a pupil free curriculum development day for educators.
- The events are open to all, with the target audience specified. Montessori Australia is proud to feature AMI and international speakers, and to showcase Australian presenters, cultivating talent from within our community and recognising the importance of peer-to-peer learning.
- Event registrations may be made using the form on the brochures or the website. Please refer to the refunds and cancellation policy published on the website. Closing dates for all registrations are published on the event brochures and website, and are usually one week prior to the start of the event. We recommend booking attendance from 2 months in advance. Please avoid last minute registrations as this may mean that workshops are cancelled due to insufficient numbers and are an inconvenient administrative burden to the organiser and host. As a courtesy, please book before the closing date. A late registration fee of \$20 will apply to each registration received after the registration closing date (by 4:30pm Sydney time). Places may be limited and are not guaranteed.
- Host venues are often used over commercial event premises to keep the costs manageable, for convenience of attendance and to showcase a school or centre to the community. We thank these venues for their support.
- Event delegates are requested to be ready to start at the scheduled time and to be open to the learning experience.
- Montessori Australia has a Green Policy for environmentally responsible and sustainable practices.