

Montessori National Curriculum Review Update

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In 2011 the first version of Montessori National Curriculum (MNC) was shared with the Australian Montessori community to widespread celebration. Much has happened since then within the Australian curriculum space and with increasing regulatory demands on educators, necessitating continued updates to the document.

Amidst many challenges, including the most recent Australian curriculum revision (v9, 2022), Montessori Australia have built on this solid document, in a remarkably collegial, respectful and collaborative spirit. The review team boasts over 200 years of combined experience and expertise in classrooms and leadership, coming from a variety of training backgrounds (including AMI, AMS, MI and NAMC), and across a range of teaching levels. We are immensely proud of the process and the outcomes of this review.

Over thousands of hours of commitment to the task throughout 2020-2023, the team have interacted with key research to reflect upon the work of Maria Montessori and upon educational purpose and curriculum design, whilst also reflecting local content recommendations.

Community feedback has been very welcoming and supportive of the functionality in the MNC online format at www.montessoricurriculum.org.au, a feature much appreciated, both nationally and internationally, by many who are already implementing the MNC in their practice.

Although the next version is nearing completion, the team are always looking ahead, and envisage a dynamic document, building resources and incorporating feedback to drive future developments. Encouraging community input will be our continued focus.. We are currently undertaking important upgrades to the online site, and apologise for it being temporarily in maintenance mode during this phase of mapping and updating functionality. We know many of you still interact with the document and don't wish to hold you up. Please reach out at admin@montessori.org.au if you require access.