



Choice & Motivation

A key component of early childhood Montessori classrooms, choice is sometimes seen as a luxury by Montessori teachers of 6-9 and 9-12 year-olds who often feel pressure to be accountable to parents and administrators with “measurable results”. The workshop will include an interactive presentation on the importance of choice as the engine of motivation in Montessori pedagogy, the nature of second period work, and a how-to guide to structuring activity in primary classrooms to promote autonomy and independent learning.

Participants will come away with a list of practical ways that limited choice can be introduced into primary Montessori classrooms, and a clearer philosophical understanding of why choice is necessary in classrooms whose primary goal is to encourage the development of independent and joyful learners.



Mark Powell taught for 26 years in Montessori 6-9 and 9-12 classrooms, and was a teacher trainer with the Center for Montessori Teacher Education, New York for twelve years. Mark has a M.Ed. degree (specialising in Conflict Resolution) from Lesley University in Cambridge MA, and also a MA State teaching credential. He has published two dozen articles on Montessori education in Montessori and other education journals, and wrote a chapter in the 2008 book *A Place for Play* edited by Elizabeth Goodenough. Mark has designed and sold many classroom materials. He has delivered workshops at American Montessori Society national conferences and has consulted for dozens of Montessori schools across the U.S. and in Australia and New Zealand. He returned home to Queensland in June 2016 and taught at the 9-12 level for another four years before leaving the classroom to join Montessori Australia.

SATURDAY, 23 OCTOBER 2021
9:00AM - 3:00PM (BRISBANE TIME)

Attendance options:

- In person at Capalaba State College, School Road Capalaba QLD
- Live online Zoom
- Video recording (restrictions apply)

MEMBERS \$125 | NON-MEMBERS \$225

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