



MONTESSORI AUSTRALIA EDUCATION CONFERENCE

Friday & Saturday, 7 & 8 June 2019

Novotel Sydney International Airport, Sydney NSW



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The Montessori Australia Education Conference (formerly Montessori Whole School Refresher) provides Montessori educators and administrators with professional development linked to AITSL standards and networking opportunities. Held at a new venue this year in Sydney, the Conference will open with a day of keynotes then reception, followed the next day by separate workshops for each educator level. The Conference includes a special presentation by Lynne Lawrence, AMI's Executive Director.

FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019



8:00am – 8:45am	Registration & Exhibitors
8:45am – 9:00am	Conference Welcome – Tara Wood and Anthony Vandermolén Host Tara Wood welcomes delegates and introduces Anthony Vandermolén, Board Chair, to provide a brief update on Montessori Australia.
9:00am – 9:45am	Montessori Holistic Education - More Relevant Today Than Ever – Lynne Lawrence Spanning the globe, more than a century of implementation, and the entire life of the human being, Montessori offers a uniquely holistic approach to education. Resilience, responsibility, reflection and respect are some of the human qualities identified as 21st Century skills. They are present at every level of our Montessori work. They are the strong threads that underpin our capacity to deliver an education that prepares children to become global citizens and to act as a force for peaceful coexistence in our world. Through the vibrant and diverse lens of current Montessori global implementation, Lynne will present the compelling case for the enduring relevance of the Montessori approach and why it is being sought after today more than ever by parents, educators, communities, governments, innovators and entrepreneurs around the world.
9:45am – 10:15am	New and Innovative Nienhuis Materials – Chris Willemsen Brand and Export Manager, Chris joins us from Nienhuis Amsterdam to discuss Montessori quality materials and how they support child development. Chris will also present for the very first time in Australia innovative and exciting, brand new Nienhuis materials. Chris will also offer an exciting exhibitor display with conference discounts for direct purchases.
10:15am – 10:45am	Morning Tea
10:45am – 11:45am	The Importance of Movement and Nature in the Foundation of Healthy Risk-taking for Children Under Three – Gaby Velázquez Movement is one of the characteristics of human beings and one of the psychic organs that the spiritual embryo will develop during the first years of life. Movement is action, energy, and pushing forward to encounter the future. Movement awakens and activates many of our mental capacities, as well as integrating and anchoring new information and experience into our neural network. Risk-taking in children under three is closely related to movement. Every day a child takes risks in order to gain experience and knowledge about the world and himself, and nature has a central role in a child's development. Healthy risk-taking can't be taught, but is a skill we must develop as human beings.



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11:45am – 12:30pm

Montessori and the Outdoor Curriculum – Ruben Jongkind

The Montessori sports program aims to reverse the traditional paradigm of youth sports development that focuses on the coach and the result, and instead put child development at the centre, while incorporating Montessori teaching principles and practice. Montessori schools and parents increasingly see the value of sports for the physical, psychological and social development of their children. However, Montessori has not unanimously embraced sports in its environments. Ruben argues why it is important to integrate sport in the 3-6 classrooms. He shows why Montessori principles are valuable to the world's most popular sport, football (soccer). Furthermore, he explains how the Montessori approach differs from the traditional approach, why the Montessori teacher can be the sports teacher, and how they can easily learn how to teach football to 3-6 year old children. He looks at how female participation both for teachers and children can be enhanced and how a school can implement and sustain a Montessori quality sports program.

12:30pm - 1:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm - 2:30pm

The Choreography of the Cosmos – Elise Huneke-Stone

Dr. Montessori recognised the vital role of movement in human development. She wrote, "Scientific observation shows that intelligence is developed through movement...mind and movement belong to the same unity." (Education for a New World, p. 38-39) Current educational research and best practices confirm this: Children learn best when they are free to move. Elise gives an overview of how 6-12 year old children come to an awareness of the movement of the sun and stars, water, land, and air, plants and animals, human beings long ago and human beings today, and how the mind-movement unity is expressed and supported in children of this active age.

2:30pm - 3:30pm

The Importance of Movement on the Third Plane – Patricia Pantano

Adolescence is an intensely creative and transformative plane of development. Montessori reminds us that both the work of the hand and the work of the mind are essential components of adolescent development. The adolescent has the possibility of participation in the creation of supra-nature through real, adult work. Yet the older our students become, the less we give time and importance to this important truth. We will explore why and how movement and the work of the hand contributes to the full development of the adolescent personality, using recent brain research and examples from Montessori adolescent communities.

3:30pm - 4:00pm

Afternoon Tea and Screening of Inside Montessori

INSIDE MONTESSORI is a documentary film that shines a light on how Montessori schools throughout the United States are working to support children in communities right now. These powerful stories of success for children from birth to high school illustrate why so many parents, children, and educators have embraced the Montessori approach to learning, and why the best practices of the proven, developmental and child-centered practices of Montessori education should be available more broadly.

**INSIDE
MONTESSORI**
Education has a future.

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FRIDAY 7 JUNE 2019 - CONFERENCE RECEPTION

Join us in Bradley's Bar at the hotel to unwind, unpack and network with fellow colleagues after the busy conference day. You'll get a chance to mingle with the speakers and the other Montessorians in a casual setting. Finger food will be served and included, with a cash bar available to purchase your own drinks. Make sure you mark your attendance on the registration form so we know numbers for catering.

Downtime



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SCHEDULE

SATURDAY 8 JUNE 2019

On the second day of the conference, delegates break into workshops based on their teaching levels. Make sure that your selection is noted on the registration page. The schedule is on the following page.

DELEGATES SELECT TO ATTEND ONE OF THE FOLLOWING 4 WORKSHOPS FOR ALL OF SATURDAY:

0-3 WORKSHOP – GABY VELÁZQUEZ

Practical Aspects for the Foundation of Healthy Risk-taking in Children Under Three through Movement and Nature

“Through movement, he acts upon his external environment and thus carries out his own personal mission in the world.” In this workshop we will explore the importance of risk taking in children under three and rediscover tools to support their movement while interacting, exploring, and adapting to their environment. We will take time for self-reflection to understand our own relationship to risk taking and the essential importance of movement and nature in our life and work.

3-6 WORKSHOP – RUBEN JONGKIND (WITH LYNNE LAWRENCE)

Montessori Sports – A Montessori Approach to Enhancing Physical, Psychological, Social and Academic Development

With hundreds of millions of children and adults playing and enjoying the game, football is by far the most popular sport in the world. Since football is universal in its appeal to children, we can tap into its inherent concepts to accelerate learning. It is a scientific fact that sports can enhance physical, psychological, social and academic development of children leading to stronger, healthier and more productive adults. This workshop will show you how Montessori programs provide an ideal environment for learning any skill including those skills associated with an array of physical activities. The Montessori teacher should be the sports teacher just as they are the language and maths teacher. This innovative program enables Montessori educators to become acquainted with football as a vehicle to prepare a developmentally appropriate environment for the integration of sports, physical education and movement. Lynne Lawrence will introduce the importance of this initiative and outline why implementing Montessori Sports using this developmental approach supports and enhances the overall Montessori curriculum. Ruben Jongkind will deliver a practical workshop that will give participants the skills, tools and confidence to offer sports and physical education within the Montessori environment. Delegates are encouraged to wear comfortable outdoor clothing and shoes to participate in the outdoor practical component of the workshop.

6-12 WORKSHOP – ELISE HUNEKE-STONE

Throw the Eraser Across the Room: Commands in the 6-12 Classroom

Cosmic Education is a way of offering 6-12 year olds the whole universe as material for their ongoing self-construction. “Commands” are a way for the children to work independently after the presentations, lessons and stories given by the adult. We will explore how these commands or structured activities - for geography, biology, history, mathematics, geometry, language, music, and art - can support the further development and refinement of movement for the primary aged children.

Walking our Talk

Montessori urged us to recognise that primary aged children need to move beyond the confines of the school, and to apply the keys they are given in the classroom to the “real” natural and social world. Often called Going Out by Montessori practitioners, this exploration can include both nature walks and urban walks, and current research suggests that the benefits of this kind of purposeful movement are greater than just improved fitness and concentration. In this workshop, we will discuss practical ways and pedagogical reasons for teachers to increase the walking opportunities in their communities.

ADOLESCENT WORKSHOP – PATRICIA PANTANO

Adolescent Workshop: Learning Means Doing

Participants will explore ways in which they can enhance, adapt and transform their environments to allow for greater implementation of the mind/hand relationship through work. We will review basic Montessori principles to evaluate and design planning documents for “occupations” and three-stage learning cycle lessons by working together in small groups and sharing our collective wisdom, experience and creativity.

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VENUE



The conference will be held at the Novotel Sydney International Airport hotel (formerly the Mercure Sydney International Airport), conveniently located at 22 Levey Street Wolli Creek NSW 2205.

Delegates are offered a discounted accommodation room rate of \$200 per room per night for single standard rooms. A buffet breakfast can be added at the time of booking for an additional \$20 per person.

For accommodation bookings, call the hotel on 02 9518 2017 or email h5603-re1@accor.com and quote the Booking Code: MON070619.

There is a shuttle bus service between the airport for \$7 each way - tickets can be pre-booked through the link <https://goo.gl/dz92js> or visit the REDY2GO service desk at the airport. Discounted car parking is available for delegates for \$15 per day (\$25 overnight).

Slightly outside of the busy Airport Precinct, the hotel provides a relaxed and quiet location where delegates can go for a walk, exercise, or catch some fresh air. The hotel is surrounded by the lush greenery of both Cahill Park and the Kogarah Golf Course, located along the Cooks River.

The hotel is a 7 minute walk from Wolli Creek train station and is close to the cultural hubs of Newtown and Marrickville, where guests can sample some of the most unique and flavoursome cuisines, as well as local theatre and shows.



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SPEAKERS



ELISE HUNEKE-STONE is the Director of Elementary (6-12) Training at Montessori Northwest in Portland, Oregon and Spokane, Washington, USA. She holds AMI 3-6 and 6-12 diplomas and has worked in elementary and adolescent communities and teacher preparation programs since 1984. Elise has a B.A. in Psychology and has a Masters in Education from Loyola University Maryland. She has been the program developer and teacher for the Montessori Adolescent Project NW in Portland and spent 3 years as resident faculty at the Hershey Montessori Farm School in Ohio. She worked at the NAMTA Orientation to Adolescence and served for six years on the board of the Oregon Montessori Association. Elise has also worked with families as a certified natural childbirth educator and doula.



RUBEN JONGKIND has a background in the field of organisational design, moving to a football coaching career with the AFC Ajax Youth Academy and appointed Head of Talent Development from 2011-2016. In 2010 he teamed up with Johan Cruyff and Wim Jonk to write "Plan Cruyff", a new player centric philosophy. Realising the symmetry between this approach and Montessori, with Patrick Oudejans he founded Montessori Sports Ltd to introduce sports in Montessori schools, with programs now running in Australia, China and Africa reaching more than 1,000 children. He holds a degree in Environmental Science and a Master in Business Administration.



LYNNE LAWRENCE has been the Executive Director of AMI since June 2008, and prior to this held the position of AMI General Secretary ad interim (2007). She was also head of the AMI Human Resources Committee. Lynne was Director of Training and Schools at the Maria Montessori Training Organisation (MMTO), now known as the Maria Montessori Institute, since 1989. In her role as AMI Executive Director, Lynne actively promotes AMI's involvement in educational and humanitarian initiatives globally to increase access to quality developmental education and life-long learning. Lynne is a much sought-after international speaker at Montessori events, workshops, and congresses, and has presented at humanitarian and educational conferences and forums all over the world.



PATRICIA PANTANO holds AMI diplomas in both Primary and Elementary levels with 5 years' experience in the Casa and 11 years' experience in elementary classrooms in both public and private schools. In 1992, she became Middle School Coordinator and classroom guide at the St. Alcuin Montessori School in Dallas, Texas. She co-founded the Camino de Paz Montessori Secondary School in rural New Mexico in 2001 with her partner, Greg Nussbaum, serving students from diverse populations with a 9-acre farm campus and urban campus located in downtown Santa Fe. Patricia has been an advisor and lecturer for six years at Adolescent Orientation courses in Hershey (Ohio), Sweden and Mexico and is the Orientation Leader for the 2019 course in Mexico.



CHRIS WILLEMSSEN is Senior Export Manager & Brand Manager for Nienhuis Montessori (Heutink International) in The Netherlands, the world's leading manufacturer of Montessori materials since 1929. Chris holds degrees in Montessori Teacher Training (3-12, including a special paper on 0-3), Economics, International Business and Languages.



GABRIELA VELÁZQUEZ SÁNCHEZ holds an AMI diploma at the Assistants to Infancy level (Instituto Montessori de México). She has a Degree in Early Child Education. Her Montessori journey started when she was a child. Gabriela has more than 20 years of experience working in Montessori schools in Mexico City, Cancun, and Denver. She is also an AMI Auxiliary Trainer at Assistants to Infancy level. Gabriela is also qualified as an AMI National Examiner at the Assistant to Infancy level and is working as a Course Assistant in the First AMI Assistants to Infancy in Taipei, Taiwan.



TARA WOOD is Montessori Australia's new Interim CEO and has a background in federal government (social welfare and health), owning and operating her own small business teaching speech and drama, and supervising up to 250 staff in various change, innovation and large-scale operational teams nationally. Tara holds a post graduate qualification in Human Resources Management, a Trinity College London Diploma in Speech and Drama (Teaching) and the Cert IV in Workplace Assessment and Training. She is a Montessori parent and former Montessori School Board Chair, and has two years in the child protection sector.

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REGISTRATION

ONLINE (PREFERRED):	MANUAL:
https://montessori.org.au/MAEC19 Ensure you are logged in with your affiliated school/centre to receive your member discount on checkout. Option to pay by credit card or members can be invoiced.	Complete the form below and email to: info@montessori.org.au Ensure you receive an invoice/receipt to confirm booking. Download the group bookings form from the website.

RATES:	MEMBER*	NON-MEMBER
2 DAY CONFERENCE INCLUDING RECEPTION	\$600	\$800
1 DAY (Friday or Saturday)	\$300	\$400
Special distance discount available to Western Australian delegates	<input type="checkbox"/> 20% discount	
Special discount - Book 10 and get 1 free	<input type="checkbox"/> Use the group booking form	
Special discount for ACMS AMI Diploma students	<input type="checkbox"/> 10% discount	

*Discounted rates for Montessori Australia Individual Members or Staff of Member Schools/Centres.

DELEGATE DETAILS:	
First name:	Surname:
School/Centre:	
Email:	
Mobile:	

DIETARY REQUIREMENTS:					
<input type="checkbox"/> Vegetarian	<input type="checkbox"/> Gluten Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Vegan	<input type="checkbox"/> Nut Allergy	<input type="checkbox"/> Dairy Free	<input type="checkbox"/> Seafood Allergy

CONFERENCE RECEPTION:	
<input type="checkbox"/> YES, I will be attending the reception party on Friday	<input type="checkbox"/> NO, I won't be attending

WORKSHOP SELECTION (SATURDAY):			
<input type="checkbox"/> 0-3	<input type="checkbox"/> 3-6	<input type="checkbox"/> 6-12	<input type="checkbox"/> Adolescent

PAYMENT DETAILS:	
<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice me personally	
<input type="checkbox"/> Invoice my school/centre	Email invoice to:
<input type="checkbox"/> Call me for my credit card details over the phone (MasterCard or Visa only)	

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