



MEETING IN THE MIDDLE 2017

ADOLESCENT PROGRAMME FORUM

WHAT DOES IT LOOK LIKE?

Thursday, 7 September to Sunday, 10 September 2017

Elonera Montessori School
21 Mount Ousley Road
Mount Ousley NSW 2519

Registration Fee \$270

Includes:

Adolescent Programme Forum
Morning and Afternoon Teas
Lunches

Saturday Evening Dinner in Wollongong
Transfers between the hotels and
Elonera Montessori School

Registrations close
Friday, 25 August 2017



FORUM SCHEDULE

Thursday, 7 September

4:30pm - 6:00pm

Drinks and nibbles, followed by
transport to accommodation

Friday, 8 September

9:00am - 5:00pm

Forum Sessions

6:30pm

Out and about in Wollongong
(not included in Registration fee)

Saturday, 9 September

9:00am - 5:00pm

Forum Sessions

6:30pm

Drinks and MiM Dinner

Sunday, 10 September

9:30am - 12:30pm

Forum Sessions

It has been 4 years since The Hills Montessori created this inspiring event for adults working in Montessori adolescent environments to learn and share together and we have since built on these connections and further strengthened our unique community. Elonera Montessori School are so excited to welcome you to this year's Meeting in the Middle in Wollongong, especially as it coincides with the 30th Anniversary of the school! We are delighted to welcome you to join our "place" between the mountains and the sea. It is our pleasure to be hosting you for a long weekend and hope to give you the opportunity to meet and spend time with your colleagues in our work with these "humanistic explorers".

The theme will be, "What does it look like?" with the intention to focus on the nuts and bolts of how we structure and present our adolescent programmes in the spirit of sharing and learning from each other. After hearing feedback from past participants and others in the community, we hope to facilitate rich and meaningful discussions, as well as enjoyable experiences – memories that we hope you will take back home to your own adolescent communities.

We offer you food, hospitality and impassioned discussion as well as a focus on the practicalities as we examine and explore the nature of a Montessori adolescent programme and determine the many ways of what it looks like in its many forms in our region of the world.

The Team at Elonera Montessori School



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'MiM is a great sharing experience that has helped me feel connected to Montessori educators in other States, and has opened up the opportunity for my school to work with and visit other schools.'

Anthea Scott, Beechworth Secondary School, VIC

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THURSDAY, 7 SEPTEMBER

- 4:30pm Drinks and Nibbles
- 6:00pm Transport to Accommodation

FRIDAY, 8 SEPTEMBER

- 8:00am Bus pick up to Elonera Montessori School
- 8:30am Breakfast (Friday included in Registration Fee)
- 9:00am **Welcome Ceremony**
- 9:30am **“We must be ‘on’ all the time”**
Pastoral care, Relationships and Community, Community, Community
- 10:00am **Break Out**
Options to go into more depth in specific areas
- 12:00pm **Follow-up Breakout Presentations**
- 12:30pm **School Tour**
- 1:00pm Lunch
- 2:00pm **The Adult as Material**
How do we prepare ourselves?
- 2:30pm **Break Out**
Options to go into more depth in specific areas
- 4:30pm **Follow-up Breakout Presentations**
- 5:00pm Close
- 6:30pm **Out and About in Wollongong**
A fun evening to cap off the first day involving drinks and dinner and more – everyone welcome! (Not included in Registration Fee)



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SATURDAY, 9 SEPTEMBER

- 8:00am Bus pick up to Elonera Montessori School
- 8:30am Breakfast (\$15.00 per head)
- 9:00am **Occupations**
How to map to which subjects and the nuts and bolts of programming and scheduling
- 9:30am **Break Out**
Options to go into more depth in specific areas
- 11:30am **Follow-up Breakout Presentations**
- 12:00pm Lunch
- 1:00pm **What does it look like at our school?**
Open sharing
- 2:00pm **Communication structures**
How to harness meaningful engagement towards independence
- 2:30pm **Break Out**
Options to go into more depth in specific areas
- 4:30pm **Follow-up Breakout Presentations**
- 5:00pm Close
- 6:30pm **Drinks and MiM Dinner**



SUNDAY, 10 SEPTEMBER

- 8:30am Bus Pick up to Elonera Montessori School
- 9:00am Breakfast (\$15.00 per head)
- 9:30am **Education for Peace**
Learning rather than teaching and the relevancy of the social, emotional and creative.
- 10:00am **Break Out**
Options to go into more depth in specific areas
- 12:00pm **Follow-up Breakout Presentations**
- 12:30pm **Farewell**





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GETTING HERE

From Sydney Airport

By Car: Elonera Montessori School is about 1.5 hours drive from Sydney Airport. Hire cars can be arranged and collected from the airport. Shuttle buses are also available.

By Shuttle Bus: Leisure Coast Limousines offer a shuttle bus transfer at \$65 per person. Groups of participants or those arriving close together can book a car at \$220 for 4 pax, Mini-vans at \$260 for 7 pax and Mini-bus at \$360 for 11 pax. Phone 02 4261 7393 or email bookings@leisurecoastlimousine.com.au.

By Train: Airport to Wollongong Station, changing to North Wollongong (The South Coast Line) on Platform 4. Elonera Montessori School can arrange pick up from the North Wollongong Train station. Please contact the school to provide your flight details and arrival times in advance.

ACCOMMODATION

Group reservations have been arranged with two Wollongong Hotels under the name 'Elonera Montessori School'. To secure accommodation at the prices listed below, bookings are required by Thursday, 31st August 2017.

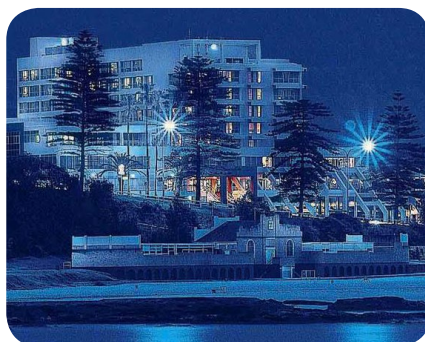
Novotel Wollongong Northbeach

2-14 Cliff Rd, North Wollongong 2520, Phone: 02 4224 3111
\$239 per night for 3 nights – www.novotelnorthbeach.com.au

Normandie Motel and Function Centre

30 Bourke St Wollongong 2500, Phone: 02 4229 4833
\$115 per night for 3 nights – www.normandie.com.au

The two hotels are only a couple of blocks from each other and close to the school.



REGISTRATION: ONLINE AT WWW.MONTESSORI.ORG.AU OR FILL IN AND RETURN THE FORM BELOW

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INCLUDED	OPTIONAL EXTRAS
Thursday PM Drinks and nibbles <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Breakfast Saturday (\$15.00 Payable to Elonera MS) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No
Will you attend the Saturday night dinner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Breakfast Sunday (\$15.00 Payable to Elonera MS) <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No

My payment of \$270 is included as follows (GST included):

Name: _____
 School/Centre: _____
 Position: _____
 Home Address: _____
 _____ Postcode: _____
 Phone - Home: _____
 Phone - Mobile: _____
 Phone - Work: _____
 Email: _____

Payment Method: Cheque Or: Invoice School/Centre
 Cheques made payable to Montessori Australia ABN: 46 104 887 309
 Or charge my: Visa Card Mastercard
 Cardholder's Name: _____
 Card N°: _____ CCV: _____
 Signature: _____ Expiry Date: _____

Phone: 02 9986 2282 Fax: 02 9986 2281
 Email: events@montessori.org.au
 Register online at www.montessori.org.au
 or send registration form to:
 Montessori Australia Foundation
 PO Box 82 Five Dock NSW 2046

Please indicate if you have special dietary requirements:
 Vegetarian Gluten Free Other _____
 Please see our website for our event refund and privacy policies.

