

# MENTORING SKILLS

Mentoring can be a stimulating journey of self-discovery and development which provides opportunities for personal fulfilment and achievement. It is a fundamental form of human development where one person invests time, energy and personal know-how assisting the growth and ability of another person. The aim of the workshop is to build the capacity of mentors to support less experienced Montessori teachers through ongoing professional learning embedded in day-to-day practice. This has a positive impact on improving student learning outcomes and assists the school or centre with human resource challenges.

## The session will cover:

- Types of mentoring relationships
- Communication skills, including giving and receiving feedback
- The role of a coach versus a mentor
- Dealing with challenging workplace situations or people
- Staff appraisals and evaluation methodologies

## WHEN

Date: Wednesday, 25 September 2024

Time: 9:00am - 4:00pm (AEST)

Venue: Northside Montessori School  
42 Bobbin Head Road, Pymble NSW

## BOOKINGS

Members: \$195

Non-members: \$285  
(ex GST plus booking fee)

Bookings:

[mentoringskills.eventbrite.com.au](http://mentoringskills.eventbrite.com.au)

## Participant outcomes:

- Understand the benefits of cultivating mentoring in your school or centre
- Examine best practice in workplace mentoring programmes
- Learn to develop and manage an effective employee mentoring programme
- Connect with other Montessori educators and school leaders considering workplace mentoring as a way of addressing human resource challenges

## PRESENTER



### CHRISTINE HARRISON

Christine has been involved in Montessori education since 1984 and was Head of School at Canberra Montessori School, one of the largest Montessori schools in Australia, for over 20 years. As well as educational leadership, Christine has a background in mediation, mentoring, conflict management and adult education with an emphasis on empowering individuals and building good communication skills. She was the founding President of Montessori Australia, Chair of the ACT Association of Independent Schools, Board Member of Independent Schools Australia, and a panelist for the 2nd Tier Review Panel of ACECQA. For the past 15 years she has worked as a consultant and mentor for Montessori schools and childcare centres. Christine served for 8 years on the Board of the Association Montessori Internationale (AMI) and is AMI's Ambassador for Southeast Asia. Christine co-founded and developed the AMI Administrators Certificate Course and is an AMI Administrator Trainer for this course which she has given all over the world and is committed to her work with Montessori in underserved communities. In her spare time, Christine is a Marriage and Funeral Celebrant and enjoys being with her family, especially her two grandchildren who are now 16 and 10 and who both attended Montessori schools.