



Caboolture Montessori School



THE INFANT COMMUNITY 0-3 YEARS

Our school is a small semi-rural independent primary school P-7, situated in the most beautiful landscape. Our children have the facility to live within a natural setting of Australian bush and yet have all the educational requirements to achieve to their highest potential. The addition of our youngest students, the Infant Community, has provided our school with a special cohort of enterprising students.



**“Free the child’s potential
and you will transform him
into the world.”**

Dr. M. Montessori

An early stage of development
critical in placing foundations for
learning.

A time where order,
movement, language and
independence are vital in the
construction of an individual’s
understanding of the world
around him/her.



*A practical life exercise prepared
beautifully and precisely for the
infant to practice their early*

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The Infant Community

When do we start learning?

We now know that we start collecting information in our absorbent sponge like brain from before birth.

How do we then provide our young children with a space where their developmental needs are met?

We prepare an environment indoors and out with activities and furniture suited to their age, size and abilities. A place where these little people put into practice what they strongly have the urge to do. They want to manipulate and pass through their senses all they encounter.

Each activity isolates a unique skill to allow repetition and mastery through own work with the equipment.

CMS and the Infant Community

Our infants come regularly every week with an adult family member to spend two hours learning with the Montessori materials, with an experienced Montessori guide. The parents share the learning and transfer this to their home.



The activities prepared for our little learners are the beginning of all learning areas, from geometry to spatial awareness, to literacy and social adaptation.



Learning

We know that children learn through every experience they participate in, however we also know that often we have to undo some understandings to allow the child to learn easily. In a Montessori environment the child between the ages of 0-3 is given specific equipment to enhance their sensory perception, to address their concentration, to initiate their awareness of social interaction and to strengthen their physical abilities. All these qualities vital in the preparation to conscious learning.

Adults in the environment

Parents are the most influential and important people in the young child's life and as such hold much responsibility in what and how the child learns. Our parents work intimately with a professionally trained guide, who supports both children and parents by unobtrusively and quietly moving around the room and giving quick little presentations. The presentations are given according to each child's ability and need and are generally directed by what the child has chosen independently.

Importance of 0-3 Community

The Caboolture Montessori School has implemented the 0-3 group so toddlers are given opportunities:

- To choose safely and effectively
- To repeat activities at will
- To interact with others respectfully
- To understand step by step the process of achieving a task
- To develop independence
- To become a respectful, caring individual.

“Never help a child with a task at which he feels he can succeed.”

M. Montessori



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