

MONTESSORI IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORUM

Implementation and Advocacy

Friday and Saturday, 29 and 30 April 2016
Templestowe College, 7 Cypress Avenue, Templestowe Lower, Victoria



The second Montessori in Public Schools Forum represents a valuable opportunity for educators working in (or interested in developing) public Montessori programmes and Montessori parents, to come together to share insights and experiences.

Building on the work of the first Montessori in Public Schools Forum, we will look at how we can continue to support Montessori pedagogy and practice in Public School Settings. Participants will explore areas of pedagogy, practice and administration as they relate

to the development and delivery of public Montessori programmes. Facilitated sessions will include short question-raising presentations from participants, and expand to group discussions. Montessori trainers will be available to answer questions.

There will be an opportunity to tour the Montessori Adolescent Programme at Templestowe College as well as the wider school setting.

We ask that all participants come ready and willing to share their insights and experiences, successes and challenges.

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DAY ONE: FRIDAY 29 APRIL 2016

- 10:00am **Registration – Tea and coffee**
- 10:30am **Welcome**
- 10:45am **Keynote Address: How the Prepared Environment meets the needs of the child in each Plane of Development** – [Peter Erskine, Australian Centre for Montessori Studies](#)
The characteristics of the child change with each successive stage of development. We will explore how the Montessori environment is prepared to meet the physical and psychological needs of the child on their journey to maturity.
- 11:30am **Case Study: Montessori Adolescent Programme at Templestowe College School Tour**
– [Templestowe College Q & A Session](#)
The Montessori Adolescent Programme at Templestowe College is now in its 5th year, with 39 students aged 12-15 years. The school's leadership and the Montessori staff team will guide participants on a tour of the Montessori programme and wider school. The tour will also include time for questions.
- 12:45pm **Lunch**
- 1:45pm **Montessori National Curriculum and parent advocacy**
– [Christine Harrison, President MAF and Victoria Marshall-Cerins, Chief Operating Officer MAF](#)
The Montessori National Curriculum has been recognised by the Australian Curriculum, Assessment and Reporting Authority (ACARA). However, its acceptance varies from State to State. MAF will provide an update regarding the status of the recognition process for alternative curricula with ACARA, and school curriculum implementation and reporting requirements at the State level. MAF will also introduce the role of parents as advocates for quality Montessori implementation at a school and State level.
- 3:00pm **Afternoon Tea**
- 3:30pm **Creating the space for a 3 hour work cycle** – [Leanne Duncan, Grovely State School, QLD](#)
Dr Montessori observed that when children are given long periods of open, uninterrupted time to choose independent work, they become deeply engaged, and repeat to their own satisfaction. Grovely State School will provide an insight into how the school has opened up the timetable to provide time for students' uninterrupted work.
- 4:40pm **MAF Montessori Public Schools Update**
- 5:00pm **Close**



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DAY TWO: SATURDAY 30 APRIL 2016

8:45am

Tea and Coffee

9:00am

Keynote Address: Public Montessori, an international social justice movement

– [Megan Tyne](#), Executive Director MAF

Montessori education in public schools in Australia is growing – following trends from around the world. In New Zealand, in parts of Europe and the USA, and increasingly in Asia, Montessori is a strong feature of public schooling systems. We will explore how public Montessori programmes around the world are providing equity of access and choice to parents and how these success stories might inform our collective vision of what is possible in Australia.

9:30am

Public Montessori 3-6 Programmes: Preschool – [Julie Dalglish](#), Yarralumla Montessori Preschool, ACT

Yarralumla Montessori School is operated by the Directorate of Education and Training, ACT and co-located with Yarralumla Primary School. Yarralumla Montessori School will provide an insight into public Montessori preschool implementation and invite the forum to consider issues and priorities for the development of the sector.

10:45am

Morning Tea

11:15am

Public Montessori 3-6 Programmes: Prep – [Carol Chainey](#), Karingal Primary School, VIC

The third year of Montessori preschool programmes provides an important opportunity for the consolidation of children's learning and development. Karingal Primary School will share their experience of providing a pathway for children who do not have access to a third year in their local Montessori preschool setting.

12:30pm

Lunch

1:30pm

WORKSHOPS

Option 1 – Montessori Professionals Workshop: – [Christine Harrison](#), MAF
Montessori in Public Schools enrolment policy.

Option 2 – Montessori Parents Workshop: – [Victoria Marshall-Cerins](#), MAF
Advocating for quality Montessori implementation.

3:00pm

Afternoon Tea

3:30pm

Feedback and Planning – [Christine Harrison](#) and [Victoria Marshall-Cerins](#), MAF

4:30pm

Close



MONTESSORI IN PUBLIC SCHOOLS FORUM IMPLEMENTATION AND ADVOCACY VENUE & REGISTRATION



VENUE

Templestowe College, Templestowe Lower, Victoria is a public secondary school serving around 700 students. In 2012, the school commenced the first Montessori Adolescent Programme in a public secondary school in partnership with an association of Montessori parents and teachers. In 2016, the programme serves 39 students and is now supported via a formal learning partnership with the Montessori Australia Foundation.



ACCOMMODATION & DINNER

Forum participants are encouraged to make their own accommodation arrangements.

There will be an informal gathering for dinner on the Friday night at the **Tender Trap Restaurant, 266 Blackburn Road, East Doncaster**. Please indicate on your registration form below if you plan to join us for dinner.

REGISTER ONLINE at www.montessoriaustralia.org.au or fill in and return the form below

RATES	SUBSCRIBER	NON-SUBSCRIBER	PARENT
Montessori in Public Schools Forum	<input type="checkbox"/> \$180	<input type="checkbox"/> \$240	<input type="checkbox"/> \$50
Will you attend the Friday night dinner? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No	Includes lunches, morning and afternoon tea		

REGISTRATIONS CLOSE 22 APRIL 2016

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