



**Margaret River
Montessori**
SCHOOL | EST 1993

Enrolling

in Margaret River Montessori School





Enrolment

Margaret River Montessori School (MRMS) is registered to provide education for children from the age of 3 years through to Year 12. The education children receive at MRMS aims to be consistent with the principles and practices of Dr Maria Montessori.

In keeping with these principles, children are admitted as soon as possible after their third birthday into our Junior Primary classrooms (3-6 years). Children that are not fully vaccinated and are not on an approved catchup schedule or do not hold an exemption cannot start Junior Primary until PrePrimary age.

If your child is offered a place at 3 years of age but you choose to delay entry, we cannot guarantee a place will be available at your requested start date.

Opportunities for admission in other age groups will depend on place availability.

We assess availability of placements based on balancing out ages, genders and needs in each class. From time to time, we may decide to leave places open to enable the School to enrol priority applicants that may apply in the future.





The Montessori Journey

Margaret River Montessori School offers a complete educational journey from birth to Year 12, across two beautiful campuses in the Margaret River region.

Margaret River Campus (3 years - Year 6)

We encourage your child to begin their Montessori journey from birth with our Bush Babes Playgroup (0-3 years).

Once your child turns 3, they are eligible to apply for Junior Primary in our Primary School. Once enrolled in Primary School, your child can continue their education with us, through to year 6 on at our Margaret River Campus and then through to Year 12 at our Metricup Campus.

Metricup Campus (Year 7 - Year 12)

The Adolescent Program is conducted at our Metricup Campus and provides a unique opportunity for study and work. Though guided by professional and trained adults, students may be responsible for managing the prepared environment, cultivating the land, operating enterprise, participating within the local community and caring for plants and animals. These activities, integrated with academic studies, make for an intensive community of learners.

Students enrolled in our Primary School have automatic enrolment into our Adolescent Program, in a seamless continuation of their Montessori journey. We will only consider enrolling applicants from non-Montessori schools if we have the capacity to and if we believe the student is a good fit for our Adolescent Program.





Enrolment Criteria

Enrolment offers are made at the discretion of the Principal after careful consideration. Applications are prioritised based on the following:

- Siblings of current students
- Attendance at Bush Babes Playgroup
- Students from other Montessori schools
- Children with previous Montessori experiences (e.g. daycare, siblings, parents)
- An intention to complete all primary and secondary education at Margaret River Montessori
- Shared values and commitment to Montessori education
- Willingness to be involved in our school community
- Educational needs of your child and our capacity to meet those needs
- Application date

We also consider balancing out ages, genders and needs in each class when assessing the availability of placements.

The School aims to enrol students who will benefit from a Montessori education at the School and from whom the School will benefit by their enrolment.

Please note, families who seek to re-enrol their child/ren in our school after previously having withdrawn may not be prioritised when determining if places are available.





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The Process

Families wishing to enrol their children in Margaret River Montessori School must complete an Application for Enrolment, available from our website.





School Tour

If you would like to tour our campuses before or after your application is submitted, please visit the Enquiries & Tours page on our website to book in.

Application

For your application to be processed all accompanying documentation must be provided and the Application Fee paid.

Once you have submitted your application, you will receive confirmation via email that your application has been receipted.

This is not an indication that the application has been successful OR confirmation of your child's placement.

Waitlist

All applicants are added to the waitlist for their requested start year/term. Whilst you are on the waitlist, we will contact you from time to time to keep our waitlist current. If we are unable to contact you, we may place your application on hold and remove your application from the waitlist. Please keep our Enrolments Officer informed of any changes to your contact details.

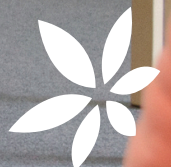
Please note that we are unable to provide specific information regarding the length of the waitlist or where you are placed due to confidentiality reasons and the complexity of enrolment decisions. Enrolment offers are not based solely on application date and, for many reasons, the waitlist is in a state of constant fluctuation.



Parent Observations (Primary School only)

Whilst on the waitlist, you are encouraged to book in to attend Parent Observations in our Primary School classrooms. This is a “fly-on-the-wall” opportunity to observe how our classrooms are run so that you can make an informed decision. This also provides a time for you to prepare any questions you may have about Montessori. Children do not attend classroom observations.

Parent Observations are the required next step in the Enrolment Process (for Primary School only) and must be completed before the Principal Interview. Please call our Administration Office to book your Observations.



Principal Interview (by invitation)

In the Semester prior to your requested start date, you and your child may be invited for an interview with the Principal. The purpose of the interview is to get to know your child and discuss the suitability of the School, Family and Student to each other. We consider:

- Shared values in regard to the Montessori philosophy
- Educational needs of your child and our capacity to meet those needs
- Willingness of Parents/Carers to be involved in our School community
- The commitment of the student to contribute positively to our School community

Please note, whilst a Principal Interview is the required next step in the Enrolment Process, not all applicants will be invited for an interview.

An invitation to a Principal Interview is not a guarantee of an Offer of a Place. Offers will be made at the discretion of the Principal.

If your application is not progressing to the Principal Interview stage we will notify you in writing.

Offer

If you are offered a place, you will receive a Letter of Offer and a Welcome Pack. The Welcome Pack will include an Enrolment Contract and other documentation that will need to be completed and returned with payment of the Placement Fee within two weeks to secure your child's place.

Orientation

A Meet and Greet opportunity in the classroom with your child's teacher will be arranged prior to your child's start date if starting in our Primary School.

An Orientation Day for the Adolescent Program is held in the last term for students commencing in the new year.

Parents will be required to attend a Parent Orientation to review the Parent Code of Conduct and Family Handbook. Parents are asked to pursue their knowledge of Montessori education as their children progress through the School, by attending Parent Evenings, Classroom meetings and observing in the child's class once a semester when possible.

Welcome to our School



Junior Primary Transition

The process for transitioning 3-year-old and 4-year-old students into Junior Primary is outlined below. Throughout the process, the teacher will consult with parents to determine the child's readiness.

3 yr old

Students starting at 3 years attend Mon-Wed half days for the first 4 weeks.

When parents & teacher agree the student is ready, they will increase to Mon-Fri half days.

4 yr old

Mon-Fri half day

Students starting at 4 years attend Mon-Fri half days for the first 4 weeks

Optional Extended Day

Mon-Wed full day

Offered at the discretion of the teacher, to build readiness for full days. Students are in a separate class for the afternoon.

Mon-Wed full day + Thurs-Fri half day

Parents will attend a classroom observation prior to a 4 year old transitioning to full-time days in the classroom. Teacher will consult with parents, providing transition checklist & formal letter with start date

Mon-Fri full day

Student commences 5 full days at teacher's discretion and in consultation with parents



We're here to help

Please Ask

If you have any questions about
Montessori or the Enrolment Process,
please reach out to us.



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