



**Margaret River
Montessori**

SCHOOL | EST 1993

Enrolling

in Bush Babes Playgroup





Session Times

9:00am to 11:00am
Tuesday or Wednesday

Location

Margaret River
Montessori School
4-6 Clarke Road
Margaret River

2025 Fees

\$180 per child/per term

Enrolling

To enrol your child in Bush Babes Playgroup, please complete the Enrolment Application form.

Once the application form is received, you will be added to our waitlist and contacted prior to the start of term if there is a place for your child. If there is no place available, you will remain on our waitlist for possible admission in the following term.





Early Learning

It has been well researched that the earliest years of a child's life are the most influential in the development of their brain. A pioneer in the field of educational research, Dr Maria Montessori observed that, during these years, children learn instinctively within their environment, absorbing information unconsciously to build their sense of identity and culture - a phenomenon she referred to as The Absorbent Mind*. When that environment is calm, ordered and cooperative it excites natural learning within the child, nurturing their intellectual, physical and social/emotional development.

*Refer to the book *The Absorbent Mind*, by Maria Montessori, first published in 1949.

Cultivating Curiosity





Montessori Basics

Montessori education focuses on helping children reach their full potential in all areas of life, encouraging personal growth at each child's own individual pace and development.

The Montessori approach is child-centred but adult guided, in a prepared environment that enables freedom of learning within structure. Mutual respect, tolerance and concern for others are considered paramount virtues of the Montessori community.

Dr Montessori developed materials and lessons based on these principles. The materials have a built-in control of error to enable the child to learn by correcting themselves rather than relying on adults to correct them. This builds the internal drive to persist through challenges and develops intrinsic motivation.





The 0-3 years Program

Our holistic program enables children and families to experience the joy of learning, providing experiences from which they can create knowledge and giving them time to enjoy the process.

The indoor and outdoor learning environments reflect order, beauty and simplicity and are set up in a way that allows children to choose and use the materials with minimal adult assistance. Parents are shown the importance of allowing their child to complete and repeat tasks without interruption or interference, as well as many other Montessori principles and practical ideas that can be transferred to the home environment.

The daily rhythms and culture of our program aim to develop self-esteem within the child and nurture a natural love of learning. Our time together aims to foster connection within ourselves, with one another and our natural environment.



What makes Bush Babes unique?



Whole Child Approach

Understanding each child's individual human needs and tendencies

Nature Focus

Exploring the interconnectedness of nature and valuing our place in the natural world

Facilitating Growth

Facilitating the child's growing need for independence, order, self-discipline, movement and language

Skill Development

Activities to promote development of social skills, emotional growth and physical coordination as well as cognitive preparation

Unlike a mainstream playgroup, the children are actively encouraged to participate with little adult assistance; to complete and repeat tasks without interruption and interference. This builds the child's attention span and sense of self-accomplishment whilst increasing the adult's awareness of the child's capabilities and quest for independence.

There is a wide range of age-appropriate activities available, which have been carefully prepared by an early childhood Program Facilitator who will observe, guide and offer support where necessary.



Playgroup Activities



Language Enrichment

Literacy begins before birth. Talking and reading to are the first steps. Activities include sound awareness games, a library corner, group sing-a-longs and story time

Practical Life

Activities we do every day in caring for ourselves and our home. It also includes the social graces and courtesies we extend in maintaining harmonious social relations. For example: sweeping, pouring, washing dishes, using 'manners' and sharing

Sensorial Development

Activities to assist in awakening in the mind to the stimuli that are received through the senses and organising and labelling them. For example: smelling jars, weight cylinders, mystery bag

Mathematical Concepts

Early concrete mathematical concepts are introduced in the form of puzzles, blocks and counting activities

Visual Discrimination

Visual discrimination activities allow the child to communicate and discriminate using their senses

Art and Culture

Includes elements of the nature of the earth, its people, plants and animals. For example: working in the school's vegetable garden, developing fine and gross motor skills such as learning to sit up and hold a pencil, art and craft, music and dance.

Hand-eye Coordination

Exercises to refine hand-eye coordination through use of puzzles and specific materials in the room



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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