

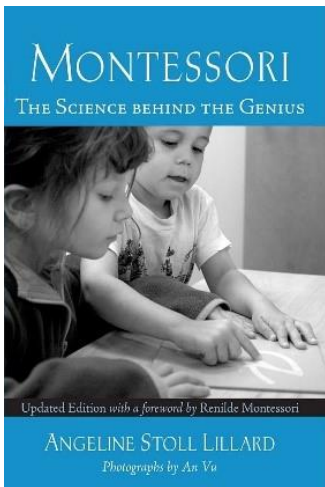
Adolescent Program Introduction

Navigating Unfamiliar Paths in Education Together

We understand that enrolling your child in a school with a unique approach like Montessori may stir up some uncertainty—it's completely natural! As parents, we all want the best for our children, and sometimes that means questioning and setting aside our own biases about education. Trusting the Montessori philosophy takes courage and an open heart, but in doing so, we create a nurturing environment where children can truly thrive.

At Margaret River Montessori School (MRMS), we are globally recognised for our commitment to the Montessori method, and our staff go above and beyond to uphold this philosophy. Not only do they hold traditional educational degrees, but they have also completed years of specialised Montessori training. This dedication reflects the care, intentionality, and expertise they bring to the classroom every day, always prioritising your child's growth and the greater good of humanity.

The "Science Behind the Genius"



Your child is your most precious asset, and making decisions about their education is one of the most important responsibilities in their upbringing. We understand that every family has personal reasons for choosing our school, and we respect that. However, to help avoid any misunderstandings down the road—often shaped by our own experiences or biases—it's essential that families are aligned with the Montessori philosophy, rather than seeing it solely as an alternate. This journey requires a leap of faith and continually commitment to learn and grow alongside their children.

We invite you to explore the links and articles provided below to further your understanding of the Montessori pedagogy. This knowledge will better equip you to support your child on their learning journey and help you make thoughtful, informed decisions about their future education.

RESOURCE: Explore how recent scientific research supports the Montessori method as an effective approach to learning: [The Science of Montessori with Professor Angeline Lillard - Montessori Education](#)

The Power of Multi-Age Learning

When in your life have you worked in a place where everyone was the same age and had the same skill set? In reality, diverse groups, where people bring different strengths and perspectives, are the norm. In our Montessori multi-age setting, students learn at their own pace, free from the pressures of traditional grade-level competition. While natural competition has its place in sports and child-led activities, it is not emphasised within our curriculum. This non-competitive approach removes the "I am not good enough" narrative, allowing students to focus on their individual strengths and pursue learning without fear of

comparison. By fostering a supportive environment where mistakes are embraced, students feel safe to take risks and explore new challenges.

This safe space for risk-taking is essential to developing a growth mindset, where students understand that learning comes from both success and failure. As they mentor younger peers and deepen their own understanding, students develop confidence and leadership skills. The absence of constant competition, combined with the freedom to make mistakes, nurtures their emotional, social, and intellectual growth.

Under Montessori's careful, objective observation methods, this structure fosters the "whole child learning" approach. It addresses not only academic development but also emotional resilience, collaboration, and the confidence to take on challenges. Research shows that multi-age settings create an environment where students can discover their strengths, support one another, and thrive in every aspect of their development.