

## What is the MQAP Process?

MQAP is a national programme and all Montessori schools and early childhood services are eligible to participate. The Montessori Quality Assurance Council (MQAC) through the Montessori Australia Foundation (MAF) administers the programme.

After committing to the MQAP Charter a school or centre then completes a comprehensive evaluation and reflection of its practices, policies and procedures based on the four quality areas.

The school or centre's evaluation forms are then reviewed by the MQAC and an assessment visit is organised if the school or centre is seen as ready. The school or centre is assessed on the quality standards and indicators in the four quality areas.

Once "Registered" all schools or centres will be required to submit an annual progress report and a re-registration visit in either three or five years time. Re-registration requires the completion of a new set of evaluation forms.



'The Quality Assurance Programme has already proven to be a worthwhile tool for Montessori East. Firstly, we had an engaging experience reflecting as a school community on the MQAP standards and determining improvement goals. Secondly, we have had numerous inquiries about Montessori schools and which ones are "good" outside our area. We now quickly refer them to the MAF website and ask that they be guided by the MQAP symbols on the school listings. This is a wonderful service to the community and helps parents to understand how important it is to know there can be a difference between one Montessori school and another.'

Bill Conway, Principal, Montessori East NSW

'Inner Sydney Montessori School was approached to trial the new MQAP and as a school wanting to review its Montessori pedagogy and general practices, this request came at a very opportune time. The process required of us an internal audit of all that we do, especially within classrooms and within the general management and communication practices of the school. The school has grown substantially in recent years, so this was a very helpful exercise that was further strengthened during the full day visit by the seven inspectors from the MQAC. The process has further developed our connection with MAF. It has encouraged confidence in our standards and in our application of values and principles to our classroom and general school practices. For Montessori institutions that place Montessori life and pedagogical standards at the centre of all that they do, this quality assurance process is an essential component, a reassuring element and something to be valued and strengthened.'

Dr Bill McKeith AM, Principal, Inner Sydney Montessori School NSW

## MONTESSORI QUALITY ASSURANCE PROGRAMME

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## BLUE GUM MONTESSORI SCHOOL



The Montessori Quality Assurance Programme makes certain that we as directors are committed to providing an authentic Montessori programme. As a teacher, the MQAP provides a framework for self reflection, guidelines for ongoing professional development and ensures we maintain an environment that is in service of the development of the child.

Teacher Inner Sydney Montessori School NSW

## What is Montessori Registered?

"Montessori" is not trademarked so it is possible for any school or centre to include the word "Montessori" in their name and most "Montessori" schools or centres do aim to deliver a quality Montessori programme.

A school or centre is "Montessori Registered" when it has met the majority of Quality Standards for Montessori programmes and has committed to the Montessori Quality Assurance Programme Charter.

As a parent you can therefore be assured that your school or centre is committed to providing authentic Montessori programmes.

With the emphasis for the MQAP on continuous improvement rather than just registration your school or centre will continue to strive to ensure best quality practices.



## What is MQAP?

- MQAP is a national programme that has been established to identify the quality areas and standards for Montessori education and includes a Charter of core principles.
- The four quality areas are:
  - 1) Montessori Prepared Adult
  - 2) Montessori Prepared Learning Environments
  - 3) Montessori Curriculum Planning, Implementation and Assessment
  - 4) Commitment to Improvement, Leadership, Vision and Child Advocacy
- To achieve MQAP registration your school or centre has met the minimum standard in all four quality areas.
- To maintain MQAP registration all schools or centres engage in a process of review, improvement and maintenance to ensure the highest level of Montessori education

'As a parent, it is reassuring to know the Montessori school our children attend is actively involved in a national programme that not only sets high standards for the quality of education to be delivered, but also promotes the benefits and value of Montessori to the wider Australian education sector and the public in general.'

Parent Canberra Montessori School



