



Melbourne Montessori School

Ten Years to 2028



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Melbourne Montessori School would like to acknowledge the traditional custodians of this land and pay our respects to Elders past, present and future, for they hold the memories, the traditions, the culture and hopes of Indigenous Australians.

In 2028 our current Cycle 2/Year 2 students will be our Year 12 graduating class, having completed their International Baccalaureate (IB). We have a responsibility to provide a learning environment for these and all our students and their families that is secure, sustainable and reflects the excellence in education that our community expects from Melbourne Montessori School (MMS).

MMS is committed to being a strong and stable school for all students and staff whilst simultaneously investing for future growth. To achieve this, we have a long-term plan. **Melbourne Montessori School Ten Years to 2028** is affordable, achievable and provides a pathway forward whilst managing the transitional requirements. This ensures the school can operate, delivering excellence in Montessori education, with minimal disruption.

Melbourne Montessori School Ten Years to 2028 affirms many of the practices of the School, particularly relating to our students, staff and community, however there are several new and exciting initiatives. Over the next 10 years, we are planning:

- The introduction of a Cycle 0 program for babies from birth to 18 months together with their parents/grandparents/guardians.
- The introduction of 3-year-old child care to support working families
- An Urban/Rural program for Cycle 4 students.
- A new Urban Campus for Cycle 4/5 to support student growth and the physicality of these students.
- Redevelopment of our two campuses. Our intent to redevelop our campuses over the long term has not changed, however the timeline for implementation has been revised. This will see the Junior School (Cycle 0 to 3) at the Brighton Campus and the Senior School (Cycle 4 to 5) partially located at Caulfield Campus.

Melbourne Montessori School has undergone significant change and transformation over the course of our 44-year history. At the core is the ability to be innovative, flexible and responsive to the needs of our school community and opportunities that present. **Melbourne Montessori School Ten Years to 2028** continues this legacy as we aim high, to dream, for the very best for our children, their families and our community.

Gay Wales
Principal

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Our School

- A tight-knit, community based, independent School.
- The leading Montessori School in Australia providing excellence in education from Cycle 0 to Cycle 5 (birth to 18 years).
- Students will be life-long learners and supported to pursue their personal best as we understand that education is part of the innate development of each person.
- Accessible with a focus on affordability combined with financial sustainability.
- An engaged community that encourages active participation in the School by parents, students, staff and an engaged MMS Alumni and their families.
- Collaborates with Montessori Schools Australia wide to support the growth of Montessori as an educational pedagogy.
- Supportive of under resourced Montessori programs in Indigenous communities in Australia and with our neighbours in the Asia Pacific.
- Active in our community as a leading advocate of Montessori as a progressive educational pedagogy.

Junior School

A Junior School (Cycle 0 to Cycle 3) with a maximum of 350 students across the Brighton and Caulfield Campuses

- A community and learning environment that meets the needs of babies from birth to 18 months together with their parents/grandparents/guardians.
- A Cycle 0 (Parent/Toddler and Early Learners) program that provides a gentle transition between the home environment and classroom.
- Child Care for 3-year olds to support our working families.
- Cycle 1 to Cycle 3 classrooms that lay the foundation for life-long learning by providing an enriched, engaging learning environment that is dedicated to the development of each child.

Senior School

A Senior School with a minimum of 150 students, with the flexibility to grow the Cycle 4/5 program based on student demand

- A unique Cycle 4 (Year 7 to 9) program that incorporates an Urban and Rural Campus model based on the Montessori pedagogy and understanding of the Adolescent Child.
- A Cycle 5 (Year 10) program that recognises the maturing Adolescent, completes the Montessori National Curriculum and prepares the students for the International Baccalaureate (IB) Programme.
- A Cycle 5/IB Programme (Years 11 and 12) that reflects the interests of the students.
- Connections with Montessori and IB Schools nationally and internationally, offering Cycle 4/5 students and staff exchange opportunities and co-learning programs/experiences.

Staff

- An employer of choice that attracts and retains teaching staff that exemplify excellence in delivery of Montessori/IB programmes, assisted by capable and motivated educational support staff who all embody the philosophy and values of the School.
- The leading Montessori School offering best practice employment and training for teachers and student teachers in the Montessori pedagogy.
- A commitment to developing awareness and skills that will help students and staff to thrive recognising the future of work is uncertain.

Resources and Facilities

- An innovator in developing Montessori materials, learning programs and curriculum.
- Technology integrated into teaching and learning processes, including the evaluation of cutting edge and inspiring technologies that support the Montessori Pedagogy, and ensure an ethical, sustainable and safe approach to technology and innovation.
- Indoor and outdoor facilities that support excellence in Montessori education. Our classrooms and learning spaces are homely, inspired by the natural world, engaging, ordered and calm. For other curricular activities, we actively seek to go out into the world and benefit from our local community resources (performing arts centres, sporting facilities, art galleries, museums and nature reserves).

How will this impact each Cycle and my child?

Cycle 0		Cycle 1	
Parent and Toddler, and Early Learners will remain at Brighton Campus		Cycle 1 will remain at Brighton Campus	
Introduce a NIDO program from birth to 18 months for babies, together with their parents/grandparents/guardians		New front fence, pedestrian entry and separate car parking located at 737 Hawthorn Road	
		New outdoor learning spaces and reconfigured playground spaces	
		Introduce 3-year-old child care to support working families	
Cycle 2/3		Cycle 4/5	
Cycle 2/3 will remain at Caulfield Campus		An Urban/Rural program for Cycle 4	
Capital improvements to existing facilities		A new building to provide additional learning spaces and an extension above Church Hall/HUB	
		Commencing in 2019 IB programme for Years 11 and 12	
		Additional outdoor spaces with a basketball court to the current car park and the relocated Cycle 1 playground converted into a green	
		A new Urban Campus for Cycle 4/5	



Timeline

This Year: 2018

- Launch of the **Melbourne Montessori School Ten Years to 2028** to the MMS Community.
- **MMS Strategic Plan 2018 to 2022** released to the MMS Community.
- MMS Community Finance Fund closure in October.
- Senior School: First cohort of Cycle 5 (Year 10) students commenced.
- Senior School: Cycle 4 Rural program partnership with Collingwood Children’s Farm commenced.
- Brighton Campus: Lodged amendment to current planning permit with Bayside City Council to incorporate 737 Hawthorn Road into the Brighton Campus boundary and improve car parking with centralised, safe access for children and adults.
- Brighton Campus: 5-year Master Plan to be lodged with Bayside City Council.
- Brighton Campus: Temporary portable classroom for Senior School to be constructed.

Stage 1: 2019

- Melbourne Montessori School Foundation to launch the MMS Capital Campaign.
- Senior School: First cohort of IB Programme Year 11 students.
- Senior School: Trial new Urban Campus for Cycle 4/5.
- Brighton Campus: 5-year Master Plan to be endorsed by Bayside City Council.
- Brighton Campus: New parking, fencing, landscaping and outdoor learning spaces for Cycle 1 building works to commence.
- Brighton Campus: Church and Hall design development to commence.
- Caulfield Campus: Finalise 5-year plan for capital improvements to existing facilities to support the Junior School (Cycle 2 to 3).

Stage 2: 2020 to 2022

- Junior School: 3-year-old child care facility.
- Senior School: First cohort of IB Programme, Year 12 students.
- Senior School: Fully established Cycle 4/5 (Year 7 to 12).
- Senior School: Cycle 4/5 additional Urban Campus.
- Brighton Campus: Completing 5-year Master Plan with extension to Church Hall.
- Caulfield Campus: Capital improvements to commence.

Stage 3: 2023 to 2025

- Senior School: Cycle 4 Rural campus program to commence.
- Brighton and Caulfield Campus: Future Master Plan Beyond 2023 to commence.

Stage 4: 2026 to 2028

- Brighton and Caulfield Campus: Future Master Plan Beyond 2023 lodged with Bayside City Council and Glen Eira Council.

Long term/Future

- Junior School: Located at Brighton Campus.
- Senior School: Cycle 4/5 located at Rural/Urban/Caulfield Campuses.

Please note: Timeline is indicative only

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