



MONTESSORI
CHILDREN'S
FOUNDATION



ABOUT the Montessori Children's Foundation

"The child is the forgotten citizen, and yet, if statesmen and educationists once came to realise the terrific force that is in childhood for good... I feel they would give it priority above everything else. All problems of humanity depend on man himself; if man is disregarded in his construction, the problems will never be solved."

Dr Maria Montessori

The Montessori Children's Foundation (MCF) seeks to make the benefits of Montessori education available to children and communities that would otherwise be unable to access it due to remoteness, poverty or disadvantage.

As a non-profit charitable organisation, MCF's activities focus on laying the foundations of sustainable education programs that promote the natural development of the human being from birth to maturity enabling children to become the transforming elements of society leading to a harmonious and peaceful world.

MCF's long-term objectives are to:

- uphold the rights of the child in society and make known the child's importance for the progress of civilisation;
- promote the Montessori approach as a means to achieving peace and social reform;
- raise funds and allocate them to projects that meet defined criteria;
- alleviate hardship faced by Australian children; and
- provide opportunities wherever possible for children to develop normally.



"Times have changed, and science has made great progress, and so has our work; but our principles have only been confirmed, and along with them our conviction that mankind can hope for a solution to its problems, among which the most urgent are those of peace and unity, only by turning its attention and energies to the discovery of the child and to the development of the great potentialities of the human personality in the course of its formation."

Dr Maria Montessori

PRIORITIES of the Montessori Children's Foundation

Indigenous and Remote Communities:

MCF supports Aboriginal and Torres Strait Island communities to access world-standard Montessori education programs. MCF's role in these projects is to develop genuine community engagement and ownership, support the training of local people and establish robust systems of quality control.

Scholarships and Tuition Assistance:

MCF administers a dedicated trust that offers a range of scholarships and bursaries for children and adults to overcome disadvantage and to access Montessori schools or undertake specialist training.

Assistance to Infancy and Parent Education:

MCF in association with the Montessori Australian Foundation is developing Pregnancy to Parenting Australia as not-for-profit provider of education programs to support parents, families and communities in their task of nurturing young children.

Montessori Institute and Research Centre:

MCF supports the establishment of an independent research centre, through which training and independent study can work to better quantify and promote the benefits of the Montessori approach for the optimised development of the human being.

Public Awareness and Advocacy:

MCF leads efforts to champion the cause of all children through advocacy and by increasing public awareness, and by promoting a greater awareness and understanding of the development of the child and the importance of the first years of life.

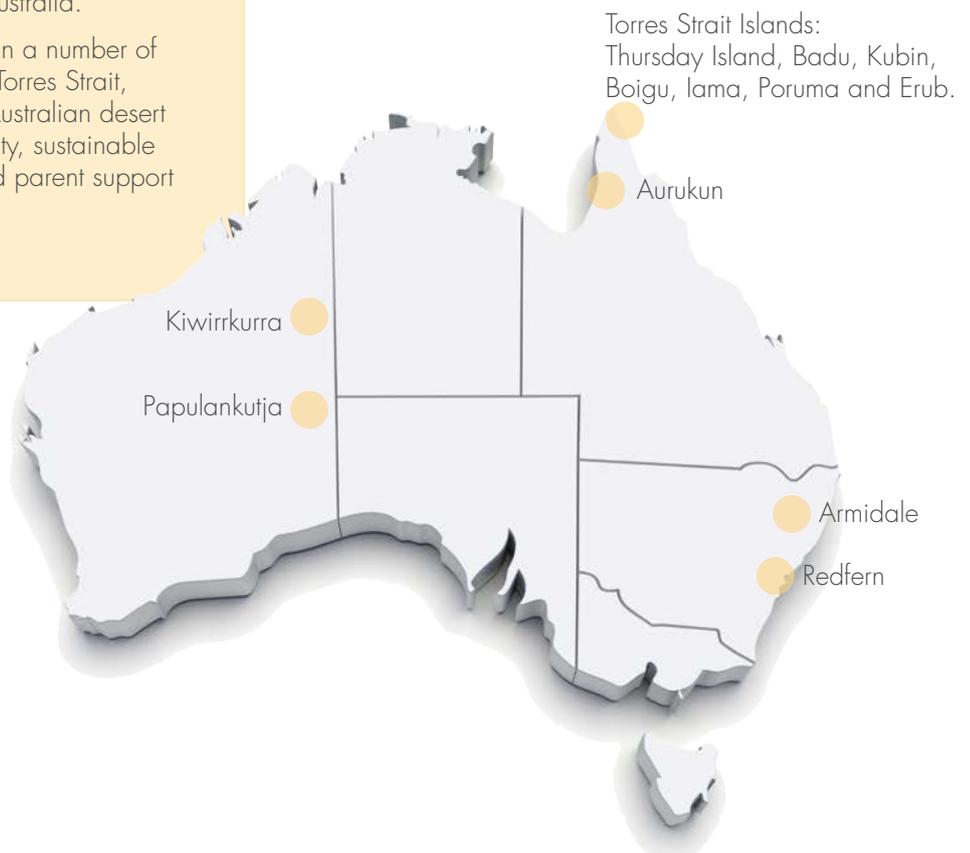
Montessori Adolescent Programs:

MCF supports the expansion of Montessori Adolescent Programs in schools across Australia as well as advocating for other programs that apply the Montessori approach for young people aged 12 to 18.

Current Projects

In line with MCF's mission to make the benefits of Montessori education available to children and communities who would otherwise be unable to access it, MCF is currently focused on working with Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander communities across Australia.

In particular, MCF is working in a number of remote regions, including the Torres Strait, Cape York and the Western Australian desert country, to establish high quality, sustainable early childhood education and parent support programs.





SUPPORT the Montessori Children's Foundation

There are many ways you can support the ongoing work of MCF:

- **Sponsor:** become a Foundation Supporter by making regular financial contributions.
- **Pro Bono:** provide professional services directly to MCF or one of the Foundation's projects.
- **Volunteer:** offer assistance to MCF or one of the Foundation's projects.
- **Mentor:** provide professional guidance to support new Montessori teachers and communities.
- **Donate:** donate financial resources, good quality Montessori materials, educational resources, books and furniture.

Visit www.montessorifoundation.org for more information on the ways you can support the Montessori Children's Foundation.

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