



# KARYN ADAMS

**LEADERSHIP TEAM** 

#### **ABOUT ME**

I had always known I wanted to be a teacher and upon completing my Bachelor, I spent several years teaching within the Junior Primary sector before discovering my love for the Montessori method. I began my journey with SA Montessori as the Assistant Director at Babthorpe Montessori Preschool more than 16 years ago and was instantly impressed with the Montessori philosophy. When my children were born, I was fortunate to spend several years at home with them, returning to Babthorpe once they commenced school. It was a fabulous experience being involved with Babthorpe from the moment we opened, through to their final day, before they moved location and evolved into Lilliput Village. During this time I gained significant experience within the Preschool environment and achieved an Advanced Certificate in Montessori Education 3-5 years.

In 2015, I was blessed with the privilege of becoming the Montessori mentor at Rosemont House Montessori Preschool and Early Learning, when it opened in April. This was my first experience incorporating a Montessori infant and toddler environment and therefore I chose to further my study, achieving my Montessori diploma 0-3 years, as well as gaining an in-depth understanding of the RIE Philosophy through many workshops, seminars and training sessions. By 2016, we transitioned to a Leadership model for Rosemont House which allowed me to collaborate with two of my colleges in managing the centre, whilst also continuing my passion for mentoring staff in the Montessori method in both the Preschool and infant/toddler environment.

Echoes Montessori will by the third SA Montessori centre in which I have been involved with since the very first days. I am incredible excited for the vision and endless possibilities it will hold for our children, their families and the residents we will come to know as friends.

#### MY ROLE

I will be one of three Leaders within the Echoes Montessori environment and together the Leadership Team will manage the Director role. I have been working within a Leadership Team dynamic at Rosemont House Montessori since 2016 and it has proven to be a model which drives critical reflection, shares leadership responsibilities and is advantageous for students and their families. As well as contributing to the running of the centre, my role will provide me with the opportunity to continue my passion for mentoring staff in the Montessori philosophy and allow me to work with students across all of the environments. Initially, I will focusing my attention on mentoring the Nido staff, ensuring our youngest children have a consistent, nurturing and engaging environment to learn and grow.

### MY WORLD IN PICTURES

Family is my everything!

I married my husband, Shaun, in 2006 and our children, Riley and Sam are not only brothers but the best of friends. Our children attended Babthorpe Montessori and with our youngest commencing high school this year, sometimes I feel life is moving far too quickly! We are quite an active family, with Shaun and I spending much of our time taxiing our boys to their many football and basketball commitments. We all enjoy hiking, the beach and spending time together at our holiday shack at the river.













# **MY HOBBIES & INTERESTS**











# **MY CORE VALUES**



TRUST

KINDNESS

RESPECT

COURAGE

OPTIMISM

GROWTH