



## Thank you for your interest in Rosemont House Montessori.

**We are proud to provide exceptional early years education, and nurturing care, for children aged from 6 months to 6 years.**

Our passionate educators possess the expertise and experience to nurture the important developmental stages of a child's early years. We understand how important it is for children to have primary caregivers who provide excellent role modelling through empowering language, gentle and consistent guidance, and genuine warmth and respect.

**We are open from 8.00am to 5.30pm weekdays (excluding public holidays) for 50 weeks each year.**

We have a minimum attendance of 2 days per week. This ensures that children experience consistency, build secure attachments and feel a strong sense of belonging.

**We are located at 59 Kensington Road, Norwood.**

We are perfectly positioned to provide children with the peaceful atmosphere of the suburbs and offer parents the convenience of close proximity to the CBD and immediate access to major traffic routes.



A child's early impressions are the foundations for their relationship with the world. Joyful experiences help the child to see beauty in the world, and so we have created an environment that is joyful and beautiful inside and out. Our classrooms empower children to connect with one another, inspire them to follow their own curiosity, and give them the confidence they need to express their creativity.

Our gorgeous gardens are the perfect place for children to deepen their relationship with the natural world, and to build their own bodies through gross motor movement and the marvelous messy of sensory play. Every element of our environment, and every part of our program, is designed to inspire memories that will last a lifetime.

**We hope this Prospectus will answer your initial questions about Rosemont House Montessori. Please contact us to learn more, to book a tour and to join our Waiting List.**

## Our Philosophy



**The Montessori method is an educational pedagogy** based on supporting the innate needs of the child in order to encourage the child's natural love of learning and to promote the child's healthy and holistic development. The Montessori curriculum provides the philosophy and practices of our learning program and builds upon the harmonious foundations of the National Early Years Learning Framework.

The first Montessori classrooms were in Italy in 1907. Since that time the Montessori method has retained its relevance and proven its value. Today there are approximately 22,000 Montessori schools world-wide in over 110 countries.

An authentic Montessori environment like ours embeds the philosophy into every element of a high-quality program delivered by exceptional educators. We encourage you to read more about Montessori at [www.samontessori.com.au/about-montessori/](http://www.samontessori.com.au/about-montessori/)

## Our Symbol



Our symbol celebrates the history of our heritage building, and one of the stunning features of our ample outdoor area, by highlighting the soft but striking natural beauty of the rose.

We feel that this blossoming flower is also the perfect metaphor for the innate wonder and beauty of the child. Like a tiny rosebud full of potential, each of our children will be given the nourishment, nurturing, time and trust that they need to bloom beautifully in their own wonderful way.

## Our Community



**Rosemont House Montessori is proud to belong to the SA Montessori community.**

SA Montessori is a group of seven early learning environments in Adelaide. Each centre has its own character and atmosphere, but we are united by shared values. Barbara Langford, our founder, opened Jescott Montessori Preschool back in 1989 for her own daughter Jessica, who is now part of the SA Montessori team herself. SA Montessori is proud of this thirty year history of delivering the highest standards of education and care for children and providing meaningful support to parents and families.

SA Montessori commits to providing joyful experiences to help each child connect with their community and value their environment. You can learn more by downloading our [SA Montessori Statement of Principles](#) from our website.

## Our Story



**SA Montessori is not a franchise; we are a family.**

The owners of all of our centres are hands-on educators, not absent investors, with those owners connected not only by professional partnerships but also by friendship and family relationships.

Rosemont House Montessori is co-owned by mother-daughter duo Barbara and Jessica Langford, (centre and right) along with their close friend of many years Pam Francescangeli (left).

## Our Early Learning Journey

Rosemont House Montessori provides a home for children throughout their early years. Our community of children ranges from children as young as 6 months old to those as mature as 6-years-old. Our youngest children are welcomed into our 'Montessori From the Start' program. This specialised space blends Montessori principles with best practices from the RIE and Pikler approaches for infant and toddler care. The Montessori Pre-school curriculum is designed as a three-year program, with our mixed age group consists of children between the ages of 3 and 6 (and a limited number of 2 year-olds who are developmentally ready to learn alongside their older peers). In the year before Reception, children are invited to be part of our Universal Access group, guided by a Degree qualified Early Childhood Teacher as the equivalent of a 'kindy' program but with the added benefits of Montessori pedagogy preparing the child not only for school, but for life! The Montessori approach is embedded in every stage of this journey. Our children explore the curriculum areas of Practical Life, Sensorial, Maths, Language and Cultural Studies. Each child engages with specialised materials to inspire their self-directed learning and benefit from the intentional teaching of our highly-skilled and attentive educators.



***Our 'Montessori From the Start' model is founded on a deep respect for the needs and rights of the youngest members of our world.***

Dr. Montessori said “the greatness of the human personality begins at the *hour of birth*”. This reverence for the young child is what informs all aspects of our care community. Our 'educarers' view caregiving as equal to, and an integral part of, education. We recognise that the child's daily routine, including nappy changes or meal times, present opportunities for learning and form the basis for secure attachment with their educarers. We treat these moments with as much consideration and care as our prepared learning program. This ensures that each child feels safe and empowered to explore our environment and its activities that focus on promoting movement, coordination, communication, sensory awareness and blossoming independence.



***Our Preschool program (including the kindergarten year) nurtures the holistic needs of the child.***

This is an age of questioning, exploring and discovering. It takes a special program to keep up with this intrinsic energy, and that is exactly what we offer. Our Montessori Pre-school program has been developed and refined over SA Montessori's thirty-year history, resulting in the exceptionally robust and well-respected approach we deliver today.

Our Preschool Program provides a strong early learning experience so that children are able to confidently transition straight from Rosemont House into Reception, with no need for the additional sideways step of a year at a government kindergarten or ELC. Our aim is not only to provide your child with the foundation skills for all future learning but also to ensure that we create happy childhood memories of feeling valued and loved.

## Our Uniform

Rosemont House children wear a safe and practical uniform which will offer them the freedom of movement they require during the day, the ability to implement independent dressing skills and the ability to successfully manage their own toileting. The uniform is an easy wash and wear outfit and we hope the children will feel a sense of pride wearing something that identifies them as belonging to our Rosemont community of families

## Our Family Input

The presence of parents and families can be felt in many ways throughout the day. Parents are welcome to participate in our program by volunteering, suggesting subjects to explore, or donating resources. We work in particularly close partnership with parents of babies and toddlers to ensure that your child's personalised needs are nurtured and that your parenting values are respected.



## Our Environment

**A Montessori classroom is an inspiring learning environment filled with wonderful resources that encourage independent exploration and discovery.** Our Montessori teachers prepare the environment to meet the needs of the children. The wonderful and precise Montessori materials are always available for the children to practice their newly acquired skills and extend their knowledge. Children can interact intelligently with their surroundings and become engaged in their own learning at their own individual level of interest and in their own time.

Each day at Rosemont House offers opportunities for children to be inspired, engaged and delighted by the Montessori curriculum. Our outdoor environment is an extension of our classroom, with nature play happening every day. We also engage in Music and Movement each day, bringing joy through song, dance and instruments.



**Our outdoor areas have been thoughtfully developed to offer an array of invitations to play in different ways.**

Established trees provide ample shade over the rockery and watercourse as children engage in sensory play. Garden swings and sculptures are placed around the garden area creating quiet sitting spaces. Vegetable and flowerbeds allow the children to grow and harvest food for the kitchen. Large moss rocks border a mud kitchen and sand pit area and invite safe climbing and imaginative play. Gross motor games and equipment ensure that children can build their bodies as they explore movements that promote balance, coordination, strength and control. Fruit trees and our eponymous rose gardens add to the special and unique outdoor space for children.



**The children's kitchens provide a beautiful home-like environment where they engage in food preparation and cooking.** The Montessori 'Practical Life' curriculum focuses on giving children an opportunity to contribute in a meaningful way to their environment as they develop useful skills. Each day the children can safely bake, prepare fruit platters and assist in preparing the afternoon snacks. The children help to set the dining room in readiness for lunch, and following their meal, they tidy the room and stack the dishwasher.

**We are proud to be a 'Lunchbox Centre'.** Children encounter special touches from home at lunchtime when they unpack their lunches from home. We believe this is an important way of protecting the health and safety of each child's dietary needs as well as respecting cultural preferences around food and incorporating a 'little slice of home' to support the emotional well-being of the children. We do provide children with nutritional snack food for morning and afternoon tea each day.



## Our Class Sizes

We believe that *small class sizes* is one of the most fundamental elements of quality care for children. We are committed to creating environments that make children feel like they are gathered with extended family rather than crammed into an institution. As such, we have intimate groups with small numbers of children and consistent educators. We benefit from a surplus of space, with the size of the physical environment far exceeding the ratio required for the number of children we care for. We are proud of our commitment to giving each child a secure, supportive space surrounded by a small number of treasured friends.

## Our Village

We think of Rosemont House Montessori as a 'family', but we are also part of a broader community. We help our children build bonds with a diverse range of individuals through intergenerational experiences with a local aged care home. We look for ways for our children to experience excursions, and welcome visitors to our classrooms to share their expertise. We also connect with students from universities to empower the educators of tomorrow. The way that we engage with our community organically evolves over time as we respond to the ideas of our children, the input of our families, and the new opportunities we discover.



## Our Fee Structure

Our priority is to ensure that our children receive the exceptional standard of education and care that they deserve. Our fee structure reflects the costs associated with delivering this high-quality program. Our fees cover all operating expenses of our centre, from the wages of our qualified, dedicated educators to the purchase of the inimitable Montessori materials, the provision of ingredients for cooking experiences and consumables for art activities, and everything in between. We are sure you will agree that the quality of our educators, environment and programs are worth the investment.



**Waiting List Application Fee:** \$40\* (non-refundable, except where an offer of enrolment is made within 4 weeks of the fee being paid) *\*This fee is waived for current or previous students of any SA Montessori centre, and their siblings.*

**Enrolment Fee:** \$145 (non-refundable)

**Bond:** Upfront payment equivalent to two weeks' fees (refundable upon departure if four weeks' written notice of departure is provided and conditions are met as per Parent Handbook).

**0 - 3 years of age Daily Fee:** \$159

**3 - 6 years of age Daily Fee:** \$143

Fees are structured according to age group to reflect the differing costs associated with these ages, including (but not limited to) the increased number of educators required to satisfy the legal educator-to-child ratios for younger children. *Our full Fee Schedule is available via our website.*

### Child Care Subsidy

The **Child Care Subsidy (CCS)** provides assistance to help families with the cost of child care.

If you are eligible to receive the Child Care Subsidy (CCS), your entitlements will be paid **directly to the service** your child is attending. The service will then deduct CCS from your child's regular fees, leaving you with only a gap to pay for your child's enrolment.

The government has an online estimator to assist you with determining your eligibility and expected entitlements. **Visit the 'Payment and Service Finder' at the Centrelink website.**

### Terms & Conditions

Our fees are structured according to age to reflect the differing costs associated with these ages, including (but not limited to) the higher number of educators required to satisfy the legal educator-to-child ratios for younger children. Fees are payable at the end of each week of attendance. Fees apply for 50 weeks of the year for all days booked including public holidays and sick days. Fees are calculated as a full day of attendance irrespective of whether a child utilizes all available hours. Missed sessions cannot be made up. Fees are paid by direct withdrawal from a nominated bank account using the 'Debitsuccess' system.

**PLEASE READ OUR FULL TERMS & CONDITIONS AT: [www.samontessori.com.au/terms-and-conditions/](http://www.samontessori.com.au/terms-and-conditions/)**



## Our Policies

Families who join our Rosemont House community will become familiar with the many policies that guide our professional conduct and maintain our exceptional educational environments and will receive a detailed Parent Handbook. Some of our policies are relevant at this stage of your enquiry, particularly our **Immunisation Policy**.

Our Immunisation Policy requires evidence that a child is following the National Immunisation Schedule as a prerequisite for enrolment. For a full copy of our Immunisation Policy please visit:

[www.samontessori.com.au/for-our-families/](http://www.samontessori.com.au/for-our-families/)

We are also proud of our **Sleep and Rest Policy**, which provides a safe and healthy environment for our children. It promotes partnerships with parents to understand a child's personal needs alongside the importance of following research-based practices.

Our **Nutrition Policy** requires parents to provide lunchboxes that promote healthy eating and avoid known allergens for the protection of others.

Families are also required to follow our **Sun Protection Policy** by providing sunscreen and a protective hat between 1st August and 30th April.

## Joining Our Community

The first step towards joining our community is to apply to Our Waiting List. This makes you eligible to be considered for Our Enrolment Process if a corresponding position becomes vacant. Registering to this list does not guarantee a placement at the centre. Every reasonable effort is made to accommodate your request, but we are limited by our licensed capacity and we anticipate that enrolments will fill quickly as we are a boutique centre with only 45 children attending each day.

**You are welcome to tour the centre before, or after, joining the Waiting List. Please contact us to book an appointment.**

### Our Waiting List

Rosemont House Montessori operates with a robust Waiting List, so we encourage families to register their interest as early as possible. We recommend that families embrace the earliest possible starting point for their child, as enrolled children are given priority of placement to add days of attendance or transition to other age groups when positions become available within the centre. Our Waiting List is run fairly and professionally. Due to the restrictions on our licensed capacity, the high demand for placements, and the limited vacancies that arise, we can never *guarantee* any child a placement. We are told we are worth waiting for - we hope you agree.

- Complete your digital Waiting List form at [www.samontessori.com.au/rosemont-waiting-list/](http://www.samontessori.com.au/rosemont-waiting-list/)
- Transfer your \$40 Waiting List Fee (or specify the name of current/previous SA Montessori student or sibling),
- While you are awaiting news of your placement with Rosemont House Montessori, we encourage you to contact Centrelink to begin enquiries about your eligibility for the Child Care Subsidy.
- We will contact you if a vacancy arises to accommodate your child, or if we require further information for your application.

### Our Enrolment Process

When positions become available in our centre, we first look to our enrolled children to ensure that we accommodate those needing to transition from our 'Montessori From the Start' program into Preschool and/or those requiring additional days of care. We also endeavour to prioritise the enrolment of siblings of attending children. We then turn to our Waiting List to fill remaining vacancies and these new families will move through our Enrolment Process.

- You will be contacted to discuss the position and you will be emailed an Offer of Placement pack.
- Before your child is due to begin we will formalise the enrolment with a 'Complying Written Agreement'.
- Your Enrolment Registration Fee and Bond will be collected at that point to guarantee your placement.
- An Orientation process is available for families prior to the formal starting date. The orientation allows children and families to become familiar with their classroom environment, meet their teaching team, and build confidence with the routines of the centre. You will be advised of orientation dates and procedures when your enrolment is finalised.

**Thank you for your interest in Rosemont House Montessori. We look forward to welcoming you into our community.**



### Learn more

Families who join our community are provided with our detailed Parent Handbook, receive regular updates directly from the educators and our centre leaders, and are able to borrow books from our extensive Parent Library. All of this will help you to understand the magic of Montessori for your child! If you are eager to learn more right now, we recommend the following resources:



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[www.montessorichild.com.au](http://www.montessorichild.com.au)

[www.aidtolife.org](http://www.aidtolife.org)

[www.rie.org](http://www.rie.org)

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*Dr Maria Montessori*