

KENMORE AND DISTRICT MONTESSORI CHILDREN'S HOUSE

2026

Information Brochure



Welcome!

A warm welcome to Kenmore and District Montessori Children's House, where the journey of discovery and learning begins! We cater to children 6 months to 6 years of age.

At our Centre we embrace the renowned Montessori approach. Maria Montessori was an Italian physician and Educator who developed her pedagogy over many years in her professional career, through scientific observation of children of many ethnic, cultural and socio-economic backgrounds from birth to maturity.

Did you know, we are one of the *few* accredited Montessori Long day care centers in Queensland? We are proud to be officially recognised for delivering authentic Montessori education that meets national standards set by Montessori Australia.

Our Centre Director and our Educational Leader, both have a Masters in Early Education. Our Director also has an AMI (Association Montessori Internationale) Diploma which is respected worldwide for its authenticity, high standards, and quality. Each of our classes has a qualified Montessori teacher, and Montessori practice and materials in place.

This recognition reflects our commitment to continuous improvement, reflective practice, and creating nurturing, child-centered learning environments that inspire independence, curiosity, and a lifelong love of learning. We'll talk more about the Montessori method further in this booklet, however, the basis of the approach follows the natural development of the child, allowing their innate abilities to blossom by providing a nurturing environment that encourages independence, curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.

Our Director, who has been stewarding the Centre since it opened 18 years ago says *"We believe it is our responsibility to prepare the child for the world by being the best version of themselves. Under our care, with the Montessori approach, children can become responsible, confident, engaged and independent learners, who trust in their own abilities and to serve the world. That is why Montessori is an education for life!"*

The Montessori approach means that parents play a vital role as partners in their child's education and care. We believe that the collaborative effort between Educators and parents is crucial in making informed choices that cater to each child's unique needs and interests. Our commitment extends beyond the classroom, as we recognise that a supportive home environment enhances a child's overall development.

As you explore the pages of this brochure, we invite you to discover the enriching experiences, tailored curriculum, and strong sense of community that define our Centre. Together, let's pave the way for an exceptional early childhood care and education program.

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We look forward to sharing the journey of early childhood with your children and family. Please reach out if we can help you with further information.

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National Body

The National Body oversees the new system and guides its implementation in a nationally consistent way.

Australian Children’s Education and Care Quality Authority

www.acecqa.gov.au Tel: 1300 422 327

Licensing

Kenmore Montessori is licensed for 75 places. It has been designed to be flexible and meet the needs of the community. We have five classrooms.

Room	Ages	No. of children	Educator to child ratio	Minimum attendance
Nido	6 months – 2 years	8	1:4	2 days per week
Infant A Community	15 months – 3 years	10	1:4	2 days per week
Infant B Community	2 – 3 years	15	1:5	2 days per week
Cycle 1 Pre-Kindy	3 – 5 years	18	1:11	3 days per week
Cycle 1 Kindergarten	4 – 6 years	24	1:11	3 days per week

Registered Kindergarten Program

Kenmore Montessori is an approved Kindergarten Program provider. Queensland College of Teachers (QCT) registered Teachers deliver the Kindergarten program 5 days per week. The Kenmore Montessori program aligns with the Queensland Kindergarten Learning Guidelines.

From 2024 all the kindy children get 15 hours a week free kindy for 40 weeks a year. In total 600 hours of free kindy.

Our Place

Kenmore and District Montessori Children's House acknowledge the traditional custodians of the land on which we work each day and pay our respects to Elders of those lands, past, present, and emerging.

Our purposefully designed Centre is set in an elevated position atop the precinct of the Kenmore Village Shopping Centre. Our location is peaceful and quiet where children are amongst the treetops and blue skies and our classrooms are filled with natural light and handmade wooden materials. We are convenient for families to Coles, Kenmore Library and other retailers with ample parking for parents and carers.

Our Vision

Our vision is to support the children to become lifelong learners. We do this by creating an atmosphere of profound warmth, kindness, and respect; inspiring a passion for learning with resilience, tolerance, responsibility, and foundation to become independent. Through this we honour and pay respect to the legacy of Dr. Montessori's vision for world peace - with Kenmore Montessori children, staff, families, and the wider community.

Our Mission

Our mission is to strive for excellence in our children and ourselves. We provide a rich and holistic learning experience that addresses the uniqueness of each child as well as each child's strong sense of self, wonder and curiosity, innovation, understanding, and respect for others in a sustainable and natural environment.

The Montessori Philosophy

About Montessori

We believe the Montessori philosophy is an education for life – a learning process where children are encouraged to develop at their own pace in a safe, caring, and carefully prepared environment designed to foster independent thinkers who are actively engaged in the learning process.

Our approach at Kenmore Montessori values the human spirit and the development of the whole child. We believe in providing children with various opportunities to be connected to the world while providing opportunities to learn and develop a sustainable approach to their world while encouraging self-responsibility and awareness of how actions may influence others and the environment. We aim to continually reflect and improve the quality, to provide an exceptional early childhood care and education program.

Our Program

The Kenmore Montessori program is rich and holistic, including group time, listening / story time, music and song, art and craft, construction, and dramatic play. Time outside includes play, the sandpit, gardening, gross motor skills, our sensory pathway and indigenous area. We regularly have incursions and guests to our Centre. We observe and pay respects to special events of cultural, local and global significance.

As we believe in the rights of the child, 'Child's interest' is a theme in our Program. In child's interest, Educators follow the expressed interest of the child and thoughtfully curate this into activities.

Montessori Educators

Each classroom has a Montessori Qualified Educator. The Educators are always carefully observing to enable them to plan for your child as an individual. As the children become ready, they are introduced to new activities, concepts, and skills.

Classroom and class materials

When you visit our Centre, you will notice that classrooms are organised, carefully and thoughtfully prepared using a range of natural, wooden and handmade materials and equipment. The special Montessori materials are designed to enhance the children's discovery and concept development. They allow your child to learn practical life skills, develop their fine motor skills and hand-eye coordination, develop all their senses and start their education in writing, reading, numeracy, geography, history, biology, science, art and music. By combining these areas of growth, we aim to give each child a strong foundation for later learning.

The classroom provides both active and quiet spaces and this atmosphere supports the children to be able to choose activities according to their own needs and interests in an unhurried manner.

Single tables give the children a greater opportunity to work and play uninterrupted. A strong sense of order within the classroom gives the children respect, structure, freedom and a sense of belonging.

Montessori at Home

In addition, opportunities will be made available for parents to learn more about us and the Montessori Method of education.

Enrolments

All applications for enrolment are considered equally. However, where we have more applications than places available, we will give preference to:

- ◆ Kenmore Montessori siblings of children already attending the Centre; and
- ◆ Children whose parents are committed to providing their children with Montessori education and care.

If the Centre is operating at maximum capacity, we must comply with Commonwealth guidelines for priority access. Currently, these guidelines require priority to be given to:

- ◆ Families where both parents or the sole parent is working.
- ◆ Families where a child or parent has special/additional needs.
- ◆ Families where parents or the sole parent are training or looking for employment.

Applications for enrolment

Families must formalise their interest in a care place by placing their child on our Waitlist list. There is a \$50 Waitlist fee per child. Being on our Waitlist means that we will be in touch with you about any openings. Once on the waiting list, contact must be made by the applicant to confirm interest each quarter. If no contact is made over 12 months the application will be archived.

Rights of Access / Anti-Discrimination

It is the policy of Kenmore Montessori to offer enrolment to all children regardless of race, culture, religious belief, and diverse abilities.

Centre visits

Before enrolment, we encourage families to visit the Centre, so their decision is an informed one. Appointments for visits throughout the year can be made through the office.

Family onboarding

Notification of a place

When a place becomes available, we will be in contact with you to arrange an interview. After the interview between parent/s, the child/children and the Director, a formal offer of placement will be made in writing stating the agreed starting time and days. Please also refer to our Fees section.

Orientation

Once your enrolment has been confirmed you will be contacted to arrange an Orientation session. These visits usually take an hour, for one visit. During Orientation, you and your child will spend some time in the classroom to meet your child's Educators, peers and observe the class routine.

Child Care Subsidy, Kindy Funding, and our care fees

Child Care Subsidy

Childcare Subsidy (CCS) is available to Australian residents attending a registered childcare provider. CCS is income and work/activity tested.

Centrelink administers the CCS. Centrelink can be contacted at 136150.

We are required to have your Customer Reference Number (CRN), whether you intend to claim or not.

Eligible Kindergarten children will continue to receive 15 hours a week of free Kindy. Hours and days outside of 15 hours and 40 weeks are still eligible for Child Care Subsidy.

Absences

Child Care Subsidy is paid in certain circumstances when a family is charged for care but their child did not attend.

Under the new Child Care Subsidy System (CCSS) each parent/child is eligible to receive CCS for an initial 42 days of absences per financial year, which can be used for any reason and without proof of circumstances (includes public holidays). Once the initial 42 absence days have been exhausted, additional absences may be claimed in certain circumstances.

After the initial 42 absence days have been paid, for a financial year, only absences which meet the additional absence criteria will attract CCS. Additional absence reasons are:

- An illness (with a medical certificate)
- Any other absences due to sickness of the child, a parent or sibling supported by medical certificates.
- A parent being on a rotating shift or rostered day off
- A temporary closure of a school or a pupil free day
- Shared custody arrangements due to a court order, consent order or parenting order
- Attendance at preschool
- Exceptional circumstances

The initial 42 absence days must be exhausted before additional absences can be claimed.

Further information on Allowable Absences, Approved Absences, and Government Policy is available through Centrelink.

Public Holidays also incur fees as usual but are included in the Child Care Subsidy allowances.

Holidays

All care is classed as booked care. Care and therefore bookings commence from the first day the Centre opens until the last day we are open in December. This means that all booked care must be paid for, even if your child does not attend on that day. This includes family holidays including at the beginning or end of the year, and public holidays.

The centre will close for 2 weeks each year from Christmas through to January. Fees are not charged for these two weeks.

Our Fees

Waitlist Application Fee

A non-refundable application fee of \$50 per child is payable upon submission of your waitlist application. We require that you communicate with us regularly to keep your application active.

Enrolment Fee

Upon acceptance of a place at the centre, a non-refundable fee of \$300 per child is payable.

Bond

In addition to the Enrolment fee, a bond of \$1000 is payable. The bond is refunded after your child leaves or graduates and Child Care Subsidy has settled.

Charges for late payment of fees

Statements of Accounts for childcare fees are issued weekly and **payable 2 weeks in advance**. A late fee of \$20 will apply to all overdue accounts. If fees are not received for a period of four weeks and/or the outstanding fees are greater than the bond held the child's place may be terminated.

Our Fee schedule for 2026 effective 6 July

Our all-inclusive daily fee is \$164.50. If children attend all five days on ten-hour sessions, the daily fee is \$159.

Fee inclusions:

- Education and care from our dedicated and long-serving Educators and Teachers
- Three nutritious meals daily (morning tea, cooked lunch with milk, afternoon tea), prepared on-site in our kitchen
- Concerts, performers, cultural activities and incursions
- Bedding, sheets and daily laundering
- Daily sunscreen
- Experienced and qualified Teacher in Early Education and Montessori

The amount payable by you will be dependent on the level of Child Care Subsidy (CCS) notified to us by Centrelink. Until such time as notification is received from Centrelink, you will be responsible for the full amount of the fees.

Payment of fees

Statements of Account for care fees are issued weekly and are **payable 2 weeks in advance**. A late fee of \$20 will apply to all overdue accounts fortnightly. If overdue fees exceed the bond held your child's enrolment will be suspended.

Through our Child Care Management System, Xplor, parents have access to a Family App called the Home app. The Primary Carer can set up for a weekly direct debit through Debit Success.

Behaviour Management

The term 'behaviour guidance' is used to indicate positive and effective ways to help children gain understanding and learn tools that will help them manage their own behaviour, as a crucial life skill.

We take a positive approach to behaviour management.

We are guided not only by our philosophy, but also by Regulation 10 of the Child Care Regulations which:

- ◆ Requires the dignity and the rights of the child to be respected at all times.
- ◆ Provides that positive guidance is to be used to assist the child in choosing appropriate behaviour over inappropriate behaviour.
- ◆ Requires that behaviour management techniques are not to include physical, verbal or emotional punishment or any form of management that humiliates, threatens or frightens the child.

Food and Nutrition

Kenmore Montessori is proud to offer the children nutritious and delicious meals through our Chef with all meals prepared on site in our commercial kitchen. Menus are thoughtfully designed to provide at least 50 per cent of the daily recommended intake and to maximise nutrition, including providing fresh fruit and vegetables daily. Milk is provided at lunchtime. Artificial additives and allergen items are minimised as much as possible.

If your child has any dietary requirements, please note them on the enrolment form and discuss them further with the staff. **We are a nut-aware centre.**

Our Kindergarten Program

Kenmore Montessori 3 – 6 year class forms a strong foundation for an excellent kindergarten program by emphasizing holistic development through a child-centric approach. Our Montessori, Kindy classrooms promote self-directed learning, fostering independence and intrinsic motivation. In the 3-6 age group, children engage in activities

that encompass practical life skills, sensorial experiences, language development, and mathematical concepts.

Incorporating Montessori principles into a kindergarten program enhances the overall learning experience. The emphasis on hands-on, experiential activities encourages creativity, critical thinking, and problem-solving skills. Montessori language lessons promote early literacy through phonics and vocabulary-building exercises.

Furthermore, the inclusion of extracurricular activities like music, art, and language lessons compliments the Montessori method, by stimulating creativity and self-expression. Language lessons extend beyond basic literacy to include cultural and linguistic diversity.

Integrating Montessori principles into our kindergarten program, coupled with diverse extracurricular activities, and supported by our experienced, qualified and dedicated staff, creates a rich learning environment that nurtures not only academic skills but also social, emotional, and physical development in young learners.

Policies and Procedures

As part of our enrolment process, families are given the opportunity to review (and provide feedback on) all of our policies. This includes information on how injuries, illness and infectious diseases are dealt with (including storing and giving medicine to children), hygiene, safety, emergency and evacuation procedures, and how you can participate in the decisions affecting you and your child and we will respond to any complaints and concerns.

We look forward to seeing you soon!