

Waikato Montessori Education Centre is owned by the Golden Beads Charitable Trust. The Trust is committed to providing quality, authentic Montessori programmes and to build a community of support for these programmes. These are based on 3 year developmental cycles and all enrolled children have a full place reserved in each programme. All financial decisions support Montessori best practice.

The Golden Beads Charitable Trust is a registered charitable trust and donations are eligible for tax credits. Donations are welcomed at any time.

Included in our services

- Complete Montessori programmes using specialised equipment and resources.
- Qualified teachers in all classrooms.
- Each child in the 2 – 6 years programme has a printed portfolio and their progress is recorded and reported on in parent/caregiver conferences bi-annually and on request.
- Regular photo updates provided electronically.
- Food for morning tea, baking, cooking and food preparation.
- Stationery used in the programme.
- Newsletters and electronic communications.
- Parent functions i.e. familiarisation evenings.
- Membership of Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand, which includes a quarterly electronic magazine and conference discounts.
- Annual class photo.

Trust fee

Our approach to fees and charges supports our commitment to providing quality, authentic Montessori programmes. We do not charge for attendance by the hour, day or week. Parents support the full work of the Trust and contribute an equal amount over the time children are with us which is not based on attendance hours. This allows the Trust to continue to provide a 6-12years programme for children to progress to. The Montessori facility is available to families who are supportive and committed to the Montessori philosophy. Contributing to all the work of the Trust means there is no change to our fee request as your child's attendance hours change. Financial considerations should not be a barrier in deciding to increase your child's hours.

Waikato Montessori Education Centre is fully licenced by the Ministry of Education and we do receive the usual early childhood funding subsidies. This includes the 20 Hours ECE Subsidy (for 3-6year olds) and Plus 10 ECE (for 3-6 years children) which is based on number of hours children are enrolled and is scaled according to staff qualifications and children's ages. Although MOE funds children from 3 years old at a higher rate than 2 year olds, we have chosen to flatten our Trust fee and keep it the same from 2-6years old. It is consistent with our approach and less onerous for parents.

MOE funding supports the minimum requirements of the NZ Early Childhood Regulations, and therefore does not cover the robust Montessori educational pedagogy. The subsidies cover 6 hours per day so when children attend full time, there are unsubsidised, unfunded hours to be covered. We require further financial support to maintain the quality and completeness of our programmes.

We have chosen to reserve a full-time place for each enrolled child so that they may attend at any time. For example, if they are sick on an enrolled day they may simply come any other day of the week instead. This means we may have vacant places on some days, but allows children to quickly increase their attendance. Having a limited group of children provides an opportunity to develop deep social bonds, predictability and stability of peers for the benefit of the children's' social development.

Children commence with a minimum three mornings of attendance and build this as they develop and are ready to come more often and for longer days.

2-6 years

Enrolment fee - \$115 (incl. GST).

This is payable on acceptance of enrolment with a confirmed start date. An invoice will be issued.

Quarterly Trust Fee- \$1,091.30 (incl. GST) In addition a Donation of \$235.50 is kindly requested

These fees are paid to the Golden Beads Charitable Trust to cover the costs of operating the Montessori Centre.

The Trust fee is eligible for FamilyBoost (a 25% payment from the IRD). This is paid quarterly by IRD once you have registered and made a claim.

The Donation allows the trust to continue its work providing authentic Montessori education for children in the Waikato and is eligible for an annual 33% Tax Credit.

There is a 5% family discount to the Fee where more than one child per family is attending the 2 – 12 years programme simultaneously.

Please make payment arrangements to suit your family budget, e.g. \$89.09 weekly (over 49 weeks); \$436.52 monthly (over 10 months). Invoices will be issued quarterly or pro-rata on enrolment for part of a year.

WINZ subsidies may be available to families depending on your weekly income.

Payment

All payments are to be made to Golden Beads Charitable Trust.

Account details: Golden Beads Charitable Trust, Westpac Hamilton, 03-0318-0857768-000