



The Hills Montessori School

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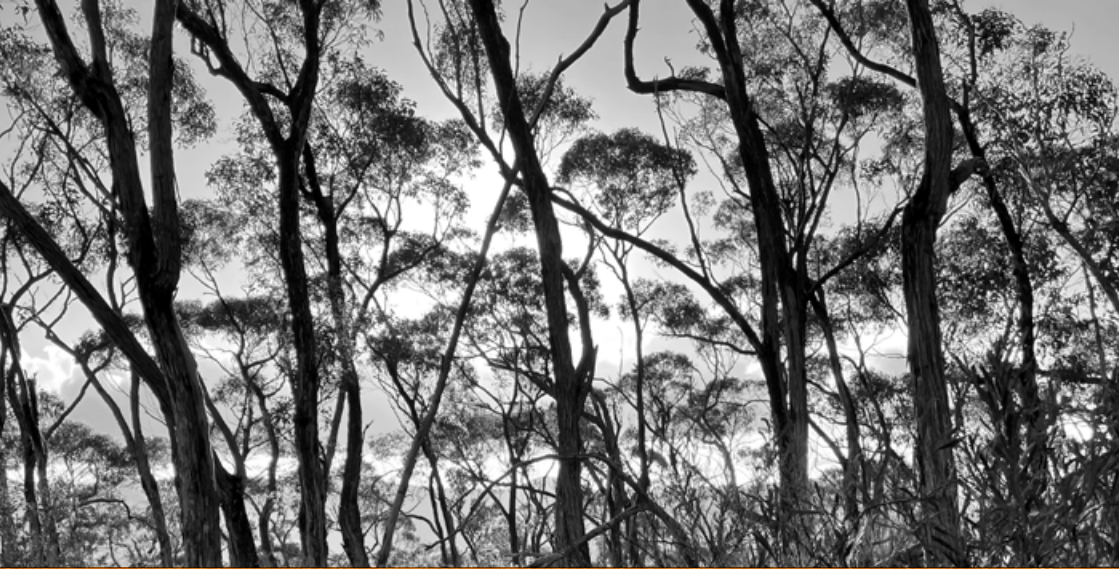
FOUNDATION

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Building our community into the future



## Acknowledgment of Country (Warta)

**Yungalya - Nia Poona?** (Hi are you good/well?)

We acknowledge that we work and walk upon the ancient lands of the Peramangk Nation across the Mount Lofty Ranges shared with the Kurna people around Stirling and Aldgate. We pay our respect to Peramangk and Kurna Elders past and living today as the traditional custodians of this ancient land.

We also acknowledge they have cared and nurtured it through innovation and natural science so we can enjoy it today, learn upon it and teach people to work with the living Peramangk and Kurna, and together care for Country as it has been done for thousands of years for future generations.

We pledge to work closely with the Traditional Custodians of the Warta to empower the young people of this land, in the Spirit of Reconciliation.

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*Wording guided by Ivan-Tiwu Copley  
(Peramangk and Kurna Senior Elder) February 2019*

### Our Purpose

*Creating security for the learners of tomorrow and a lifelong connection for our Montessori community.*

### Our Mission

*Foster a culture of giving where individuals feel connected and a sense of pride.*

### Our Vision

*A connected Montessori community that achieves financial sustainability and opportunities for our young people into the future.*



## Introduction

The Hills Montessori School has built its reputation on providing a dedicated Montessori education for lifelong learners since 1978. Today it is a valued and thriving educational community which we want to ensure is nurtured for future generations of young people.

To mark our 45th anniversary in 2023, we invite YOU to be at the forefront of our new HMS Foundation to become part of our vision to sustain and support opportunities for young people into the future.

The HMS Foundation will provide resources, funding and support through the provision of new and improved educational and learning facilities, as well as scholarships for students regardless of circumstances. It will also provide a way for past students, staff and parents to stay connected with our school through events and get together.

Your generosity will help us create an exceptional future for Montessori education through philanthropy. In the late 1970's, people with purpose dreamed of what The Hills Montessori School could be and with the support of an inspired community, nurtured the School's culture and uniqueness that lives on today. We have much to feel proud of in all that we have achieved, we now look to the future and invite you to be at the forefront of this visionary opportunity for years to come.



# From the Principal and Foundation President

We are thrilled to be launching The Hills Montessori School (HMS) Foundation which will assist the school in achieving our purpose to create security for the learners of tomorrow and a lifelong connection for our Montessori community.

With the generous support of our community, we have achieved incredible milestones over the past 45 years, including:

- extending our education program from birth to 15 years
- establishing and purchasing two campuses for students aged 0-12 years and 12-15 years
- establishing the first Montessori Adolescent Program in South Australia
- becoming a well-established leader amongst Montessori schools nationally

However our work is not done as we look ahead and seek opportunities for the long-term betterment of our school. We are inviting our community; past, present and future, to be a part of this new and exciting venture as we establish the School's Foundation. Help our school's legacy live on into the future and make a difference for Montessori students of tomorrow.

Your involvement in our school forms a connection that we want to nurture and maintain hereafter. Past and present staff, students, families and friends are all part of the wonderful and unique history and tapestry that makes up our school with countless stories, recollections and memories.

Through the HMS Foundation we hope you will join our campaign as we champion The Hills Montessori School's success in the years to come. It is our hope that the HMS Foundation will embrace people's pride in the school, their sense of shared responsibility for the next generation and their need to actively contribute to a community that represents part of their identity.



*Cathy France, Principal*



*Paul Daly, Foundation President*



*"The child is both a hope and a promise for humankind"* MARIA MONTESSORI





# Ways to support the Foundation

*We invite you to join our Foundation to enrich the lives of all those who participate in The Hills Montessori School into the future.*

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## Become a Foundation Member

A one-off payment of **\$150**. A Foundation Membership connects members to our community and events. All members receive a Foundation pin.

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## Become a Founding Custodian Member

A one-off payment of **\$1500**. The generosity of these Founding Custodians will be a key group of donors in assisting us to establish the Foundation.

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## Recurring donations

These are welcome and available to do so securely in a variety of ways (fortnightly, monthly, quarterly, annually). Over time these donations cumulate into our **Foundation Tier** structure, described opposite.

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## One off donations

Any amount can be made securely through our website whether you are a member of the Foundation or not.

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## Bequests

By giving a gift in your will to HMS Foundation, you can make a lasting contribution. Every gift, large or small, helps us achieve our vision to achieve financial sustainability and opportunities for our young people into the future.

Gifts left to charities in wills come in all different shapes and sizes, and giving a gift in your will is not just for wealthy people – it is for anybody thinking about doing something powerful, special and lasting.

If you would like more information on how to leave a gift to HMS Foundation in your will, please call and speak with our office team.

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## MEMBERSHIP AND DONATION ENQUIRIES

To join and donate to the Foundation please visit our website or contact us at the school's office. There is also a Giving Form attached in this booklet.

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## MEMBERSHIP FEES

These fees are one off payments. The Foundation membership fee is not tax deductible. \$150 of the Founding Custodian membership fee is not tax deductible, however the remaining \$1350 is tax deductible.

Foundation Member	\$150
Founding Custodian Member	\$1500

## FOUNDATION TIERS

As donations accumulate, your support reaches different Foundation Tiers. Donations to the HMS Foundation are tax deductible.

Montessori Friend	\$500
Montessori Advocate	\$2,000
Montessori Ambassador	\$5,000
Montessori Guardian	\$20,000
Montessori Patron	\$50,000

## DONATION DETAILS

- All payments including membership fees, one off or recurring donations can be made securely through our website [montessori.sa.edu.au/foundation](https://montessori.sa.edu.au/foundation)
- Donations to the HMS Foundation are tax deductible
- Donors are also welcome to make a payment by EFT or direct transfer. Our account details are:

### HMSF ACCOUNT DETAILS

ACCOUNT NAME: **The Hills Montessori School Foundation Inc Building Fund**

BSB: **065-000** ACC #: **12713244**

REFERENCE: Please use your **first and last name**

FOR TAX RECEIPT: Please email us when you have made your donation with your:

- First and last name
- Preferred email address
- Date and amount of donation
- Starting date of recurring donation (if applicable)

# Benefits

*We would like to acknowledge your gift and HMS Foundation (HMSF) membership by:*

- Presenting you with your own **Foundation pin**
- Recognising and **acknowledging your support**, with your permission, via our Foundation website
- Inviting all members to participate in Foundation **events and activities**
- Receiving **newsletters and updates** on the Foundation, activities and events as well as school and alumni news
- Receiving information about, and have voting rights at the HMSF **Annual General Meeting** and General Meetings
- Ensuring you enjoy a **lifelong connection** with The Hills Montessori School community
- Giving you the opportunity to actively **contribute to a community** that represents part of your identity

## Our Foundation pin

*Our Foundation pin is based on the beautiful stringybark eucalypt trees that stand at our Yultiwirra campus - Yultiwirra is Peramangk language for stringybark tree. The species name is *Eucalyptus obliqua* and its leaf shape is quite distinct.*

*It symbolises your connection to our school community.*



*Eucalyptus obliqua*







# Our Story

The Hills Montessori School began as a Preschool in 1978, with its first children beginning their learning for life in a private home. Larger premises were soon needed, and the Old Police Station at Nairne was selected to satisfy the school's growth. It was here, in 1981, that tuition was extended to Junior Primary. A new campus was established at Aldgate in 1985, offering both preschool and primary tuition. Continued growth in enrolments created the need for a permanent school site. In 1987, a 2 hectare block of land on Anderson Road, Aldgate, was purchased from the Field Naturalists Society. Great care and thought went into designing and siting the buildings in sympathy with the bush environment.

## Continuing Growth

On May 1st 1989, the school proudly opened the first three primary classrooms and the Preschool at Anderson Road. Within 12 months building work had commenced on another preschool building, which opened in August 1990. The completion of our Science and Technology Centre (now known as the Common Room) and sports courts in 1994 complemented the school's wide range of facilities. A purpose designed double classroom was constructed in 1998 to cater for the increasing enrolments of 9-12 year old students. A multipurpose Hall and Administration Centre was constructed and completed in December 2010.

The Middle School – 'Wairoa Campus' in Stirling was purchased in 2010 and refurbished ready to accommodate the Adolescent Program (12-15 year olds). In 2013 a new studio building was built to provide an additional learning space and a place for students to work on art and/or tech projects. In 2021 the Wairoa common room was extended and additional break out rooms, a dedicated staff space and reception area was added to existing buildings to cater for growing enrolments.

## Today's Environment

Today the school offers a secure, happy and resource-filled environment on two campuses for education beginning in the 0-3 Infant Community through to Year 9 at the Middle School.







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