

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 whilst the 6 – 12 year old children have their progress recorded in an electronic system accessed online.
- Food for morning tea, baking, cooking and food preparation.
- Stationery.
- Local trips and outings.
- Newsletters and electronic communications.
- Parent functions i.e. education and familiarisation evenings, teacher interviews.
- Membership of Montessori Aotearoa New Zealand, which includes a quarterly magazine and conference discounts.
- Access to resources of the International Montessori Council.
- Annual class photo.

2 – 6 years

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. 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 (with exceptions for 2 year olds). 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 and Plus 10 ECE which are based on number of hours children are enrolled and is scaled according to staff qualifications and children's ages. This 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. It also means we carry a less than full roll some days, but the 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 years Programme Charges effective 1 January 2019

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

This is payable on acceptance of enrolment and start date confirmed.

Fee charges for children 2-3 years old reflect the reduced subsidy received from the Ministry of Education for this age range. Our fee is based on children attending 49 weeks per year, this allows for 3 weeks of holidays during the year which will be fee free.

Weekly charge from start date for a minimum of 3 mornings to 12pm	\$135 (incl. GST)
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Mornings will be charged at \$45 and full days at \$50 as children extend attendance.

Weekly charge from start date for 5 full days to 3pm	\$250 (incl. GST)
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WINZ subsidies may be available to families where the weekly income is less than \$1,400.

3-6 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- \$1,059.50 (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 Donation allows the trust to continue its work providing authentic Montessori education for children in the Waikato and is eligible for a 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. \$107.92 weekly (over 48 weeks); \$518 monthly (over 10 months). Invoices will be issues quarterly or pro-rata on enrolment for part of a year.

6 – 12 years

The Montessori 6 -12 year Programme has been established as an Independent School. This allows us to deliver a Montessori curriculum in accordance with international Montessori standards. As such we receive minimal Government subsidies and costs must be recovered from parents/guardians.

Fees are reviewed annually. We aim to minimise increases and seek all external funding available.

There is an initial Enrolment Fee of \$575 (incl. GST) on acceptance of your child's enrolment with a confirmed start date. This fee is waived for children who have attended the 3-6 year programme at the Centre for 2 years or more.

	Annual Amount	Discounted if paid in lump sum by 1 February 2019	Paid quarterly 2 February 4 May 27 July 19 October	Paid monthly (10 months February to November)	Paid over 44 weeks (2 February to 30 November)
Annual Fee	\$6,750.00	\$6,648.75	\$1,687.50	\$675.00	\$153.41
Sibling	\$6,412.50	\$6,316.31	\$1,603.13	\$641.25	\$145.74

Payment

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

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