



Hilton Montessori

Erdkinder Programme

Education for Life

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“The land is where our roots are. Children must be taught to feel and live in harmony with the earth.”

-Maria Montessori-

Senior Phase Programme 12-15 years INFORMATION BOOKLET

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“Above all it is the education of adolescents that is important, because adolescence is the time when the child enters the state of adulthood and becomes a member of society.”

Dr Maria Montessori

Our Vision

We cultivate a love of learning while guiding the child's developmental growth. Each child's unique potential is nurtured in an environment of love, respect and activity.

Our Mission

We undertake to develop a plan of study that generates just-right challenges for students to grow their intelligences. Students should discover, master, create and innovate the learning plan in a safe, supportive environment conducive to change. Adolescents should feel able to respond to real-world problems and hold the belief that they can conquer all challenges in their future. We aim for each child to develop his/her character to become a moral, self-assured and independent person by building meaningful relationships between peers and adults.

“All the work during this period will shift the plea of the child... from ‘Help me to do it myself’ to the plea of the adolescent, ‘Help me to think for myself’”.

Dr Maria Montessori

Why Montessori?

The Montessori Method of teaching aims for the fullest possible development of the whole child, physically, socially, emotionally, intellectually and spiritually. This ultimately prepares them for life's many rich experiences and challenges.

Montessori develops the true potential of each individual child. Our children are given freedom within limits and support to question, explore and make connections.

Montessori children become confident, enthusiastic & self-directed learners. They can think critically, work collaboratively, be creative, build resilience and act boldly - vital skills and grounding for the 21st century.

The Environment

During this period of personal growth, remarkable change and great social development, adolescents move away from working with the Montessori materials and are comfortable with reading, discussion and working to task. This is an age of critical thinking, questioning, evaluation, re-evaluation, self-assessment and self-concern. The adolescent wants to use knowledge to DO something that matters in the world.

The Hilton Montessori Erdkinder Programme is in a green area with space for contemplation and play. Work is done in the house or craft workshop. Indoor and outdoor areas allow children to work individually or in groups. There is supervised play time to explore the area. Classes are multi-aged to support the developmental needs of the adolescent. Their workday has a long lunch break to relax, make food, eat and socialise.

School Hours

Monday programme: 7h45 – 15h00
Free optional afternoon programme:

Tuesday to Friday: 7h45 – 14h00
Tuesday to Thursday: 14h00 – 16h00

School Fees (Adjusted Annually)

	Monthly x 12	Termly x 4	Annual
Erdkinder Tuition Fee	R4 664	R13 992	R55 968
TD, Workshop & Kitchen Materials	R100	R300	R1 200
Compulsory Cultural Outing (day)			R550
Compulsory Leadership Camp (overnight)	R100	R300	R1 200
Erdkinder Programme T-shirt			R200
Payable in advance on the 1st of each month	R4 864	R14 592	R59 118

- **Textbooks** are for parents' account and these belong to the student. Please find a list with prices attached.
- Students may order their own **stationery**. The order list is at Speciality stationery stores on www.speciality.co.za.

TERM DATES

2024	TERM STARTS	PUBLIC / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	TERM ENDS
1 st TERM	Wednesday 17 January	None	Friday 20 March
2 nd TERM	Tuesday 16 April	Monday 1 May Workers' Day Monday 16 June Youth Day	Friday 21 June
3 rd TERM	Tuesday 16 July	Friday 9 August Women's Day	Friday 20 September
4 th TERM	Tuesday 8 October	None	Wednesday 4 December

Enrolment

For *prospective* enrolment:

1. Arrange a visit with the school.
2. After the visit, make a date for two observation days in the environment for the child.
3. Thereafter, for the follow-up discussion, please bring previous school reports and any other assessment reports, if applicable.

Enrolment *process*:

1. If your child is accepted, we need the following:
 - a. The Application Form with a non-refundable fee of R800.00
 - b. Birth Certificate
 - c. The Policy Document to be signed
2. Entrance deposit – equivalent to one month's fee.
This is paid on acceptance.

For families who enrol siblings, we offer a 5% discount on the second sibling's fees.

If the Annual Fee is paid in January, there will be a 5% discount.

Occasional expenses may be added to cover outings or events, preferably to be paid through student entrepreneurship projects.

REFUND POLICY: Should your child withdraw from the Hilton Montessori Erdkinder Programme, we require **one term's written notice**. **The entrance deposit will be refunded if the child has completed his/her 3-year phase.**

Meals

Healthy eating practices are essential to an adolescent's wellbeing and ability to function effectively. We encourage students to bring healthy snacks and a nutritious lunch for themselves.

Field Trips

- Bushcraft trips and the Outdoor Education branches of the programme form part of the practical aspect of the curriculum and are provisioned for in the school fees.
- Non-compulsory field trip costs are funded by students.

School Clothing

- Every student must wear a Montessori shirt on outings.
- Dress for school must be smart-casual (no broken/torn clothing). Appropriate, suitable clothing is not too tight or revealing.
- No jewellery must be visible, no nail polish, no coloured hair allowed
- No caps or hoodies worn during work cycles
- To aid vision and communication, hair must be neat and without a fringe covering the eyes.

Please remember your child represents the values and ethos of our school community.

General Code of Conduct (see Policy document for procedures)

- No electronic devices or cell phones are allowed. Students may bring computers with permission from the teachers.
- No swearing or blaspheming is allowed.
- Buildings and surrounds must be treated with respect.

Compulsory Parent/Teacher Meeting

Parents need to attend the bi-annual parent/teacher meetings. These will be kept short and informative. It is also good practice for parents to meet each other and to create a thriving community for their children. Times of these meetings will be sent out.

Syllabus

The Erdkinder learning programme adheres to the CAPS syllabus over a 3-year phase and is targeted to students' academic needs. Focus is on experiential learning.

Curriculum

Subjects / Learning areas (in alphabetical order):

- ✓ Afrikaans First Additional Language
- ✓ Art
- ✓ Bushcraft (The practice of self-reliance)
- ✓ Drama
- ✓ English First Language
- ✓ Handcraft (Woodwork, Metalwork and Leatherwork)
- ✓ Home Ecology
- ✓ Mathematics
- ✓ Music
- ✓ Natural Sciences (Physical, Earth and Life Sciences)
- ✓ Permaculture
- ✓ Social Sciences (History & Geography)
- ✓ Sport (Soccer, Frisbee, Softball, Cricket)
- ✓ Technical Drawing
- ✓ Outdoor Education & Skills (e.g., self-defence, shooting, first aid)

*** Only subjects above prescribed by the DBE are examined for a mark. All learning areas are assessed. ***

Reports

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| In 1 st and 3 rd Term | - | Verbal reports (Teacher / Parent / Student Interviews) |
| In 2 nd and 4 th term | - | Written reports |

TEXTBOOK ORDER LIST

Textbooks will be ordered for your account.

SUBJECT	BOOKS	COST
Afrikaans First Additional Language	Textbook ***	± R300
English First Language	Textbook ***	± R300
Mathematics	Keys x 2 @ ±R170	± R340
Natural Sciences	Textbook ***	R200 – R400
Social Sciences	Thematic Atlas / other	± R270
TOTAL		

PARENTS ARE A KEY ELEMENT IN THEIR CHILD'S EDUCATION AND WE ENCOURAGE OPEN COMMUNICATION BETWEEN US.



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Thank you for your support! We look forward to a productive 2024!