



Hilton Montessori

Erdkinder Programme

Education for Life

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"The greatest gifts we can give our children are the roots of responsibility and the wings of independence."
-Maria Montessori-

Senior Phase Programme 12-15 years INFORMATION BOOKLET

—2025—

"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 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 philosophy demands that all educational activities should be in the best interest of the individual child. To prepare him/her for life's many rich experiences and challenges, he/she must become a confident, enthusiastic & self-directed learner. Such a human 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

Academic programme: 7h45 – 14h00

Mondays to Fridays

Afternoon programme: 14h30 – 15h30

Tuesdays to Thursdays

TUESDAYS	WEDNESDAYS	THURSDAYS
Sport (<i>compulsory</i>)	Skills (<i>compulsory</i>)	Craft (<i>optional but included in fees</i>)

School Fees (Adjusted Annually)

	Monthly x 12	Termly x 4	Annual
Erdkinder Tuition Fee	R4 970	R14 910	R59 640
Compulsory Cultural Outing (day)			R500
Compulsory Leadership Camp (overnight)			R1 500
Erdkinder Programme T-shirt			R200
Erdkinder Programme golf shirt			TBC
Payable in advance on the 1st of each month	R4 970	R14 910	R61 840

- **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

2025	TERM STARTS	PUBLIC / SCHOOL HOLIDAYS	TERM ENDS
1 st TERM	Wednesday 15 January	Friday 21: March Human Rights' Day	Friday 28 March
2 nd TERM	Tuesday 8 April	Friday 18 April: Good Friday Monday 21 April: Family Day Monday 28 April – Friday 2 May: Public & School Holidays	Friday 27 June
3 rd TERM	Tuesday 22 July	Wednesday 24 September: Heritage Day	Friday 26 September
4 th TERM	Tuesday 14 October	None	Wednesday 10 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.

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 and Outdoor Education trips form part of the practical aspect of the curriculum. We will endeavour to keep these as low as possible to enable all students to join.

School Clothing

- Every student must wear a Montessori shirt on outings.
- A part-uniform is going to be phased in in 2025. This consists of a golf shirt. Cost to be confirmed.
- 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)
- ✓ 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

SUBJECT	BOOKS	COST
Afrikaans FAL	Textbook	R200
English First Language	Textbook	R200
Mathematics	Keys x 2 @ ±R190	± R380
Natural Sciences	Cambridge Checkpoint Science (Grades 7, 8 & 9 over 3 years)	± R430/book
Social Sciences	Platinum Social Sciences (Grades 7, 8 & 9 over 3 years)	± R270/book
TOTAL		R1480 per year

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 2025!