

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 and registered teachers in all classrooms.
- Each child in the 3 – 6 year 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.

3 – 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 are requested to support the full work of the Trust and contribute an equal amount over the time your 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, including the growth of the 6-12 years classes, 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 and Plus 10 ECE subsidy 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. 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.

We believe it can be unproductive for 3 year old children to attend full days. Children should be 3 ½ years old before a full day is offered. We also believe that the morning is when younger children are best introduced to our programme. Children therefore 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.

3 – 6 years Programme Charges effective 1 January 2017

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

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

Annual Fee- \$4,800 (incl. GST)

This fee is paid to the Golden Beads Charitable Trust to allow the trust to continue its work providing authentic Montessori education for children in the Waikato.

There is a 5% family discount where more than one child per family is attending the 3 – 12 years programme simultaneously.

	Amount per child per year	Paid quarterly (1 st week of each term)	Paid monthly (10 months Feb-Nov)	Paid weekly (44 weeks)
Annual Fee	\$4,800	\$1,200	\$480	\$109.09
Sibling	\$4,560	\$1,140	\$456	\$103.64

Please ask for other payment arrangements to suit your family budget.

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 we are not associated with a mainstream school implementing NZ National Standards, we receive minimal government subsidies and so costs must be recovered from parents/guardians.

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

Charges effective 1 January 2017

Enrolment fee - \$575 (incl. GST)

This is payable of acceptance of enrolment with a confirmed start date. An invoice will be issued. This fee is waived for children who have attended the 3-6 year programme at Waikato Montessori Education Centre for 2 years or more.

Annual Fee - \$6,000 (incl. GST)

There is a 5% family discount where more than one child per family is attending the 3 – 12 years programme simultaneously.

	Amount per child per year	Paid quarterly (1 st week of each term)	Paid monthly (10 months Feb-Nov)	Paid weekly (44 weeks)
Annual Fee	\$6,000	\$1,500	\$600	\$136.36
Sibling	\$5,700	\$1,425	\$570	\$129.55

Please ask for other payment arrangements to suit your family budget.

Payment

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

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