



# Blue Gum Montessori Principal Janet Laing

## Why do parents choose your school?

The school operates as a tripartite partnership between the parent, the teacher and the child. This partnership develops each child’s potential and abilities, nurturing spirit, self-esteem and self-belief. Blue Gum Montessori students are confident, active learners who have a strong sense of wellbeing, are empathetic to others and the environment they live in.

## What are the features of your school?

Blue Gum Montessori is a small, intimate and a well-run co-educational primary school, working out of new purpose built classrooms and grounds.

The school is governed by supportive parents and managed by a principal and handpicked teachers dedicated to providing a caring, community environment.

Being a genuine Montessori school, Blue Gum has a holistic approach to education, supporting the children in their quest to become useful world citizens.

Children are encouraged to explore and interact with the environment at their own pace whilst supporting each other in collaborative learning.

## How do you ensure its guiding principles are maintained?

The tripartite partnership between the parent, the Montessori teacher and the child is focused on providing the best possible learning environment. A Montessori learning environment has a number of key features: community life, structure and order, reality and nature, beauty and the Montessori educational materials.

## Can you recall any success stories?

Over the past few years, we have bidden farewell to several graduates who have completed the nine-year cycle at Blue Gum Montessori. Without exception, all of them have turned out confident, independent and have the skill sets to make right choices in their lives.

## What are the advantages of attending an independent school?

The advantages are multiple.

Parents make an informed choice and are therefore committed to their children’s education.

Parents express their support towards a school’s values, aims and outcomes and students receive a high quality schooling as a result of the expertise and experience of the teachers employed.

## How would you sum up the experience of a student in your school?

This is best summed up by Joshua, who has been the recipient of the citizenship award every year since joining his high school.

“Blue Gum Montessori School was a special part of my life for nine years. The friendships I made and the skills I acquired will serve me well for life. The school has an ethos that facilitates an easy transition into high school and further education.”



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Creative Learning

Self Awareness

Positive Attitude

Self Confidence

Blue Gum Montessori School is a small independent primary school for three to twelve year olds (Pre-Kindergarten to Year 6).

The school’s education programme provides early learners with a proven and effective child-centred early-years foundation experience.

Students progressively and naturally build on this as they move into the challenging and exciting primary learning environment of Middle and Upper Primary.

The program develops the whole child. The mental, intellectual, emotional and social personality is developed within an environment which fosters self-awareness, community life, care of the environment and cultural diversity.

The school aims to develop independent, confident, self-disciplined children who have a positive attitude to life and a love of learning.

A parent of a child currently benefiting from the Blue Gum experience has summed up the schools ethos: “The teachers at Blue Gum Montessori School truly care about the development of the whole child; the child’s academic ability, self-confidence and happiness, and encouraging the children to care for each other and the environment they live in.”

Parents invest in a Montessori educational method that is embedded in the values, structure and operations of the school.

The school’s highly qualified and dedicated Montessori teachers ensure a prepared and creative learning environment which is both stimulating and engaging.

The children follow a holistic curriculum which meets the development needs of each individual child. Learning is fun and challenging, the children are settled, active and self-motivated learners.

Grace, aged 10, loves this approach to her schooling.

“I like Blue Gum Montessori School because the teachers are kind and help you when you need it most.”

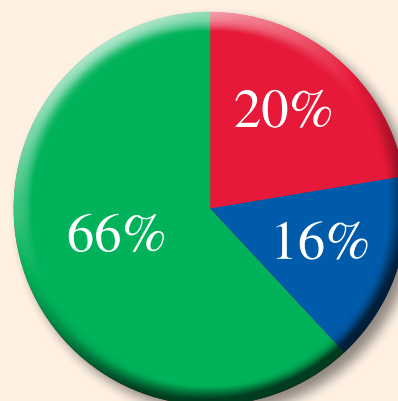
“The classrooms and playgrounds are a safe and kind environment to work in. I wish it went through to high school.”

The Montessori educational program is carefully sequenced according to the principles of child development. It is delivered by enthusiastic, qualified Montessori teachers who have elected to use this particular method of education.

Parents actively participate in the running of the school on a number of levels – from serving in the School Council and associate committees to attending busy-bees and community events (including Harmony Day breakfast, “dad’s big night out”, “mum’s high tea” and other activities).

## Services of Funding to Educate Children at Blue Gum Montessori

- 66% Parents and Community
- 20% Commonwealth Government
- 16% State Governments



Percentages are rounded and may not add up to 100.

School finances - ACARA My School website