



# Montessori Assistants Orientation

13-16 and 27-30 October 2008, Melbourne

In a Montessori environment, all adults are valued; contributing equally, as part of a collaborative team, with one goal...the revelation of the normalised child. This child will shine, revealing his or her true character and personality, if the adults truly understand their passive and active role and their quest to 'follow the child'.

- a. **Who is the child in your care?** (Four Planes, Human Tendencies, Absorbent Mind, Sensitive Periods, Concentration)
- b. **How should we respond to this child, and best meet his needs?** (supporting independence, non intervention, the road to self discipline, work cycles)
- c. **Who are we?** (the attitude of the prepared adult)
- d. **What personal and professional attributes and skills should we aim for?** (establishing trust, role of observation, responding to children's behaviour)
- e. **Practical applications/techniques** (establishing the prepared environment, Grace and Courtesy)
- f. **Material making guidelines**

*This workshop is specifically designed to support the work of Assistants within the Montessori 3-6 environment. It is however open to anyone interested in Montessori Education.*



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 2:00pm to 5:00pm, totalling 24 hours  
 AMTEF, North Brunswick Primary School  
 Corner Albion and Pearson Streets, Brunswick Park in Westbourne Street, come through the school gate, follow the path and go to the RIGHT of the building and up the stairs.

Registration Fee: \$480  
 Includes afternoon tea and workshop papers.

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## REGISTRATION: Online at [montessori.org.au](http://montessori.org.au) or fill in and return the form below

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