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# Prospectus

STRENGTH | KNOWLEDGE | BALANCE | PERSISTENCE

# Introduction to Montague School

Montague School is dedicated to creating an inclusive and supportive environment where students with mild intellectual disabilities are encouraged to grow, learn, and succeed. Our mission is to foster an atmosphere where every student has the opportunity to reach their full potential academically, socially, and personally.

## **MISSION STATEMENT**

Our vision is a future where every student is equipped with the skills, knowledge, and opportunities to thrive academically, socially, and professionally.

As leaders in special education, we offer an inclusive learning environment that prepares students for further education, meaningful employment, and a fulfilling life.

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## School Values

Our core values guide everything we do at Montague School. These values shape our approach to education and our interactions with students, staff, and the community. Our values include:

- ▶ **Strength:** Building resilience and confidence.
- ▶ **Balance:** Nurturing both academic and personal well-being.
- ▶ **Knowledge:** Encouraging curiosity and a lifelong love of learning.
- ▶ **Persistence:** Cultivating perseverance to overcome challenges.

These principles support our vision and help our students thrive.

# Principal's Message

Dear Families,

It is with great pride and excitement that I welcome you to Montague School. As we continue to grow, evolve, and strengthen our commitment to excellence in special education, I want to share with you the heart of what makes our school so special: the unwavering belief that every student, regardless of ability, has the potential to succeed and thrive.

Our vision for Montague School is to be a beacon of opportunity and support for all students. We aim to equip them not only with the knowledge and academic skills they need to excel, but also the confidence, resilience, and independence to take on the challenges of life beyond school. Whether they are moving on to further education, exploring vocational pathways, or stepping into the workforce, we are dedicated to preparing our students for a future filled with promise and possibility.

We understand that success looks different for every student, and that's why our values are at the core of everything we do. Strength, Balance, Knowledge, and Persistence are the guiding principles that help our students grow, both academically and personally. We encourage them to embrace their unique abilities, develop a sense of inner strength, and remain persistent in their pursuit of their goals.

At the heart of our approach to education is a commitment to recognising the limitless potential within every student. We foster a dynamic, inclusive environment where each individual is seen, valued, and empowered to thrive. We believe the only real limitations are those imposed by a world that fails to see the full scope of their strengths, dreams, and ambitions. Our mission is to break down these barriers, guiding students to push past the obstacles that might hold them back, and inspiring them to redefine what is possible for their futures.

As we move forward, we invite you to be part of this exciting journey. Together, with your support, we can help our students flourish and reach new heights. Thank you for considering Montague School as the foundation for your child's education. We look forward to partnering with you to create a bright future for our students.

# Reasons to Choose Montague School

Montague School offers a nurturing environment where each student is seen, heard, and supported. Here's why Montague stands out:

- ▶ **Personalised Learning:** Each student's journey is tailored to their individual needs, strengths, and interests.
- ▶ **Inclusive Community:** Students build strong relationships and thrive in a safe and welcoming environment.
- ▶ **Real-World Opportunities:** We focus on practical skills for work and independent living.

Our school provides a fresh start where students are encouraged to grow and succeed in their own way.

## Teaching Methods

Our teaching approach is based on the *Victorian Teaching and Learning Model 2.0 (VTLM 2.0)*, which focuses on four key areas:

- ▶ **Attention, Focus, and Regulation**
- ▶ **Knowledge and Memory**
- ▶ **Retention and Recall**
- ▶ **Mastery and Application**

Additionally, every student has an *Individual Education Plan (IEP)*, tailored to their unique needs and learning styles. This personalised approach ensures that each student receives the support they need to succeed academically and personally.



# Admissions Policy

Montague School welcomes students with mild intellectual disabilities and aims to provide individualised support to help them thrive. Our admissions process involves:

- ▶ A detailed application and assessment process.
- ▶ Collaboration with families to create an Individual Education Plan (IEP).
- ▶ Commitment to providing a nurturing, inclusive environment for every student.

We are dedicated to ensuring that each student receives the support they need to reach their potential.

## Curriculum Overview

Montague School offers a diverse curriculum to cater to the unique needs of our students:

- ▶ **Victorian Curriculum:** Modified content for accessibility and engagement, focusing on life skills, independence, and functional literacy.
- ▶ **Vocational Curriculum:** Practical programs designed to build employability and life skills.
- ▶ **Arts Programs:** Visual arts, music therapy, and drama to foster creativity and self-expression.
- ▶ **Physical Education & Sports:** Activities to improve motor skills, health, and teamwork.

Our curriculum ensures every student receives the tools they need to succeed both academically and in life.



# Victorian Pathways Certificate

Montague School offers tailored vocational programs for students with mild intellectual disabilities. Our focus is on the Victorian Pathways Certificate (VPC), a Year 11 and 12 qualification that prepares students for the workforce and independent living.

- ▶ **Vocational Exploration:** Hands-on experiences, job shadowing, and career counseling.
- ▶ **Job Skills Training:** Computer skills, communication, time management, and more.
- ▶ **Social Skills Development:** Training in teamwork, problem-solving, and conflict resolution.

We empower students to succeed in both education and life, ensuring they are ready for the workforce.



## Work Experience and Employability

We have a pioneering work experience program that equips students with real-world skills and prepares them for employment:

- ▶ **Work Placements:** Opportunities in industries like retail, hospitality, and administration.
- ▶ **Employment Support:** Resume writing, interview preparation, and mentorship.
- ▶ **Transition Support:** Ongoing coaching and job placement assistance.

Our focus is on providing students with the practical skills they need for successful careers and independence.

## Student Life and Extracurricular Activities

Student life at Montague is enriching and supportive. In addition to academics, students engage in a range of extracurricular activities:

- ▶ **Camps & Outdoor Education:** Develop resilience and teamwork through outdoor adventures.
- ▶ **Swimming & Water Safety:** Building confidence and essential life skills.
- ▶ **Arts & Creativity:** Visual arts, music therapy, and drama for self-expression and personal growth.

Our extracurricular programs help students grow socially, emotionally, and physically.

# School Wellbeing

At Montague school, we understand that the emotional and mental wellbeing of our students is fundamental to their overall success. We believe that when students feel supported, valued, and safe, they are better equipped to achieve both academically and personally. Our goal is to provide an environment where every student can thrive, knowing they are cared for and respected.

Central to our philosophy is a strong pastoral care system that ensures students have access to compassionate staff members who are always available to offer guidance and support. Whether it's a day-to-day challenge or a more significant issue, students are encouraged to reach out to staff who are dedicated to listening and helping them work through difficult situations.

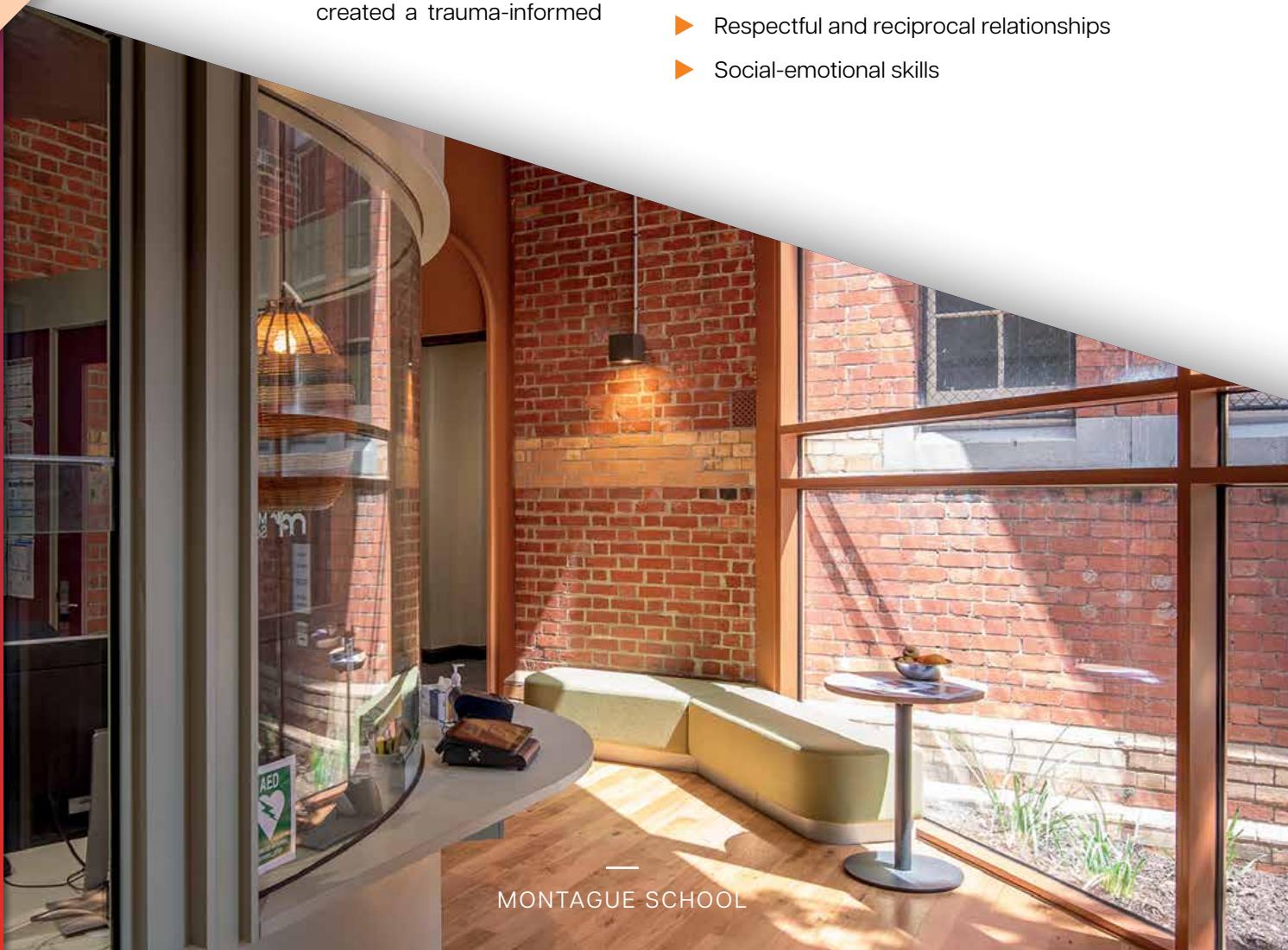
Mental health is a priority for us, and we offer a range of programs designed to support students in building emotional resilience, managing stress, and fostering a positive mindset. We have created a trauma-informed

environment, where staff are mindful of the various challenges students may face, responding with empathy and understanding. Our holistic approach addresses both mental and physical health, encouraging students to adopt healthy lifestyle choices that contribute to their overall wellbeing.

We emphasise the development of meaningful, respectful relationships, where students feel valued and understood. We provide opportunities for students to strengthen their social-emotional skills, enabling them to navigate relationships with confidence and resilience. By teaching these skills, we equip our students with the tools they need to handle challenges with a positive outlook.

The Montague School practices that support student wellbeing are:

- ▶ Sense of belonging
- ▶ Safe and predictable environment
- ▶ Family-school partnerships
- ▶ Respectful and reciprocal relationships
- ▶ Social-emotional skills





For more information or to schedule a visit,  
please contact our admissions team.

**We look forward to welcoming you to Montague School!**

