

## <sup>1</sup>MANZ Membership and Rates

There are three categories of membership in the MANZ constitution – school, organisation and individual.

### **General**

1. All MANZ membership rates are set by MANZ Council.
2. MANZ must notify members of changes to membership fees for the following financial year by October 31 of the current financial year. School membership will be increased by the inflation adjustment each year unless Council decides otherwise.
3. MANZ school membership is annual and can be paid either in one full-year payment in March or in four quarterly installments in March, June, September and November.
4. If a school member decides to withdraw from membership during the calendar year; then the whole year payment is still required. Members cannot join for the year and only pay one or two quarterly installments.
5. Any school member that joins and withdraws after one or two quarters will be required to pay the whole annual school membership next time they apply to re-join MANZ before membership is accepted.

### **School Members**

A Montessori early childhood centre, primary or secondary school can be a kura member of MANZ.

This type of membership receives full direct membership benefits;

- Montessori Voices - a quarterly, parent-focused magazine for all families attending a centre or school.
- *e-zine* Informed - a quarterly teacher-focused for all kaiako attending a centre or kura.
- *e-zine* InTouch - this is a monthly newsletter from the Executive Officer for school members.
- MANZ membership certificate each year.
- MANZ conference and professional development discounts for all staff, parents, owners and board members.
- Free school listing in Montessori Voices and on MANZ website.
- Opportunity to have a web profile for centre or schools on the MANZ website.
- Discounted classified advertising in Montessori Voices and on MANZ website.
- Referrals from parents requesting information via website.
- Voting rights at MANZ Annual General Meeting:
  - Five votes at annual AGM for member centres/schools and one vote for individual members

### **Organisational Members**

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An organisation other than a school, such as a teaching education provider or development unit, can be an ORGANISATION member of MANZ.

This type of membership has limited membership entitlements:

- Organisation membership receives one registration at all MANZ events at the member school rate.
- One copy of Montessori Voices.
- One vote at AGM's (vote has a value of one).

*NOTE: If the organisation is involved in the operation of a class or school then they need to become school members.*

### **Individual members**

Any individual can join as an *Individual* member.

This type of membership has limited membership entitlements:

- An individual membership receive 25% discount off the full rate for MANZ conferences and professional development.
- *E-zine* Informed each quarter.
- Individual copy of *Montessori Voice* each quarter.
- One vote at AGM's (vote has a value of one).

*NOTE: Staff at a MANZ member school can join individually as an Individual member.*

*Staff at a non-member Montessori schools can join individually as an Individual Member.*

*Individuals not associated with a member kura can join as an Individual Member.*

### **Process for Joining**

1. Centres, schools or individuals need to apply to MANZ to become members by contacting the Executive Officer. A membership form will be emailed out.
2. Membership may not be granted if the MANZ Council has made the formal decision that membership of the applicant is not in the best interest of the Association or its objectives.
  - a. Criteria for not allowing membership could include previous non-payment of membership fees.

### **First Year School Discount Membership**

For new centres or schools opening, membership for the first year of operation may be offered at the first-year discounted rate on the proviso that the centre/kura will continue with full MANZ membership in the second year.

The discount is offered to assist centres/schools who open with low enrolments and need time to build numbers.

The first year discount is not offered to early childhood centres who are already open.

If, after the first year of membership, the centre does not become a full paying member of MANZ, no further new member discounts will be offered to any subsequent centres opened by the same owner.

