

## Meet the teacher: Montana

Hi there, my name is Montana and I am the Educational Leader at Renown.

I started my journey at Renown in 2018 as a student teacher and I have had the pleasure of being an educator across all the programs. Having completed my studies in both early childhood and primary teaching, in 2021 I undertook the role as a lead teacher in the Wombat Program.

In 2024 I returned to Deakin University to undertake my Masters in Education, specialising in leadership.

I am passionate about fostering positive early learning experiences for children that are driven through play-based learning. In the classroom, I aim to create endless opportunities for children to take ownership in their learning and allow their voices and ideas to shine through the programs we plan.

I also am very passionate about Reconciliation in Australia and embedding learning about Indigenous Australian culture and history through everyday experiences across all aspects of the kindergarten program. I am a member of Stonnington Council's Reconciliation group whereby I have the opportunity to bring new knowledge and understandings to my teaching in the classroom.

Outside of the classroom I love to spend time at the beach, shopping and going for walks, you may even bump into me out and about in the community.

I look forward to getting to know you and your child over the coming year.