Campus Enhancement

Let's get outside and be part of Montana's history!



Our Story





In 1926, Max Husmann bought the old Kurhaus Schönfels and Institut Montana was born. The other grand hotel on the Zugerberg, the Felsenegg, was already a school that Montana acquired in 1937, after which Schönfels became our Grosses Haus. The elegance of what was a grand hotel, with its flights of steps and its fountains, still graces our everyday experience of life at Montana.

But buildings and their surroundings get tired. Day-to-day running costs are met and yet sometimes there is the need for a more thorough overhaul. In conjunction with some essential maintenance, now is time to rejuvenate the surroundings of our beautiful old building.

We aim to enhance our campus and the life of the school by making our outside spaces more than corridors between classrooms. They will have purpose and they will be beautiful. But more than that. These enhancements will endure as an important part of Montana's ongoing story, our efforts will last well into the future.

Our Future

Montana is located in a special corner of a beautiful country. However, the infrastructure has changed little since it became a school. We want to bring back the original elegance of our campus. We want to invite people to stop for a while, to meet, to linger for a conversation as well as to learn about our past.

We are working with a professional landscape designer to make best possible use of the space. Work shall begin in the area of the flag-pole directly in front of Grosses Haus, move towards the grill area and down the steps to the fountain, eventually incorporating the tennis courts in a major renewal of the whole area. There will be gardens, a shady avenue and even outside dining areas.

All this will be achieved with care and sensitivity to our surroundings. We believe the attractiveness of our location and the importance of our legacy as an outstanding educational establishment deserve to be honoured and perpetuated.



The Nitty-Gritty

Construction & Finance

The work will be carried out in stages, each of which is integral to the next, but that act as steps each of which makes an immediately visible difference. We want you to see real improvements as soon as the first chunks of the financing come available.

Estimated costs are CHF 150'000

These include a range of general improvements, removal of existing gravel, renovation of the drainage, procurement and laying of solid stone slabs that will allow properly robust outside furnishings to enhance the areas, repairs to the steps to the fountain. The grill area in particular requires substantial work to bring it up to standard. The tennis-court area, designated to become a future outdoor sports facility, is in special need of attention, and will be addressed in the foreseeable future.

Step 1

The Flag Pole approx.
CHE 60'000



Step 2

The "Sunset Grill"

approx. CHF 30'000









Step 3

The "Sunset Lounge"

approx.
CHF 60'000



Our thanks to You

This project is about more than making Montana look attractive, although that plays an important part.

It is about making the space that today's students and tomorrow's will hold in their memories when they think back to their school days, those special places where they share precious moments. It's about ensuring that Montana's place as an outstanding school endures.

All contributions can and will make a difference, whatever the size.

The name of every contributor will be recorded and so carved into the school's heritage. Montana, your home away from home, will bear that name forever.

You can be confident that all gifts to this Project will be used solely and completely for the purpose laid out here. We shall send regular updates of progress with the fund-raising and with the renovation work.





Each of us can make a difference.

Together, we can make Montana Forever.

