



2025 Steiner Education Teacher Training Courses



As a leader in contemporary Steiner teacher training in Australia, Sydney Rudolf Steiner College has been preparing teachers for a fulfilling career in Steiner education since 1980.

The annual training courses offer a comprehensive and transformative Steiner teacher training that supports the whole human being, delivered through a combination of online learning and in-person seminars, and led by highly experienced lecturers from Australia and around the world.

The second year Certificate courses expand on the Foundation study, exploring essential areas of theoretical and artistic practice, and support a deepening of the inner development of the teacher.



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Early Childhood

FOUNDATION COURSE (ECF)

Led by highly regarded and experienced local and international tutors, this part-time annual course covers the essential topics required for early childhood and provides the foundations of Anthroposophical principles that underpin the Steiner curriculum.

The course has been developed to ensure that students are able to complete the course while maintaining a full-time teaching position, and supports the transition from mainstream into Steiner education.

With completion of all the work in this first-year Foundation Course (ECF) and the second-year Certificate Course (ECC) the student will have a Steiner qualification that is recognised both in Australia by Steiner Education Australia and SECA as well as internationally by IASWECE (International Association for Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education).

Semester 1: 19 February - 25 June 2025

Exploring Anthroposophy

A comprehensive introduction to the principals of Anthroposophy and its applications in Steiner Education. Delivered over 12 webinars in Terms 1 and 2.

Topics Include:

- Steiner's picture of the whole Human Being (3-fold and 4-fold)
- Steiner's indications on The 12 Senses as organs of perception
- Recognising and working with The Four Temperaments in children and adults
- The Soul faculties of the Human Being
- Anthroposophy in our Time

Tutors: Ben Cherry, Sven Saar, Lisa Devine and Emma Ratcliff

Register Now

Enrolments are now open for the 2025 foundation course, please visit our website to submit your application. For all enquiries, please contact the course coordinator.

Fees

There are a number of pathways and enrolment options available. Please see the course page on our website for fees and payment options.

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Semester 2: 23 July – 26 November 2025

In the Second semester we work through a series of lectures that explore the practical aspects of working with children, developing rhythm, relationships and care. We also work with the inner development of the teacher as integral to Steiner Education, exploring Life Phases and biography work. Delivered over 12 webinars in Terms 3 and 4.

Topics Include:

- The child in the world today
- Development of language through rhythm, music and movement.
- The Foundation senses and current brain research
- Understanding children's drawings in relation to development
- Celebrating festivals
- The Musical Mood of early childhood

Tutors: Catherine Pilko, Ebba Bodame, Bec Whitcombe, Kathy MacFarlane, Emma Ratcliffe and Katrina Ross, Meg Quinlisk, Robyn Davis, Karl-Heinz Finke and Laura Summerfield

The Seminars

Central to our program are the two Seminars that draw all students together in artistic, practical and engaging classes, held in-person over 5 days during the school holidays. These are vital to truly experience what we mean by Steiner Early Childhood education. Excellent daily catering is included in the fees.

Autumn Seminar: 12 - 16 Apr 2025

Spring Seminar: 27 Sep - 1 Oct 2025

Topics Include:

- Child development and Play
- Development of language through rhythm, music and movement.
- Incarnation of the Child and supporting healthy early childhood
- Artistic workshops in painting, doll making and craft
- Celebrating Birthdays
- Nutrition in early childhood
- Child Observation workshop
- Storytelling and puppetry
- Eurythmy and Singing
- Nature tables and festivals

Please note that programs and tutors are subject to change



Primary Teaching

FOUNDATION COURSE (PTF)

This part-time course provides the fundamentals of Anthroposophical principles. It explores theoretical, practical and artistic modules, delivering a comprehensive experience of Rudolf Steiner Education, with the child at the centre of the curriculum.

Led by highly regarded and experienced local and international tutors, this first-year annual course covers the essential topics required for Primary Teaching to equip teachers with the skills and knowledge to enter into teaching in a Steiner/Waldorf school, and to support the transition from mainstream into Steiner education.

Satisfactory completion of this course enables the student to continue into the second-year Certificate course to complete their professional Steiner/Waldorf training.

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In the second semester we cover the essentials of the Steiner classroom, with in-depth lectures on the curriculum and its presentation, the role of the teacher, and understanding transitions and developmental phases. We also cover an in-depth study on Life Phases, as well as Music and Blackboard Drawing. Delivered over 12 webinars in Terms 3 and 4. Mentoring group sessions are offered in term 4.

Topics Include:

- Understanding and working with transitions in childhood
- Working with a Main Lesson
- Maths Primary curriculum workshop
- Rhythm, Main Lesson and Morning Circle
- The role of the Arts through the Primary years
- The importance of Creative Speech
- Festivals and school life.
- Life Phases: Holistic Biography Work

Tutors: Michael Caterer, Lou Harvey-Zahra, Bernadette White, Karl-Heinz Finke and Laura Summerfield, Jude Samson, Adrienne Alexander, Raphaela Mazzone, Jamie York, Nigel Hoffman, and James Deefholts

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- Positive relationships and classroom management
- Form drawing, clay modelling, painting and handwork
- Eurythmy and Bothmer Gymnastics
- Singing and Music in the Primary School
- Nutrition and biodynamics
- The Inner Development of the Teacher/Children
- Creative Speech

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