“The need for imagination, a sense of truth and a feeling of responsibility – these are the three forces which are the very nerve of education.”

RUDOLF STEINER
Steiner Education

“Waldorf education places the development of the individual child in the focal point, convinced that the healthy individual is a prerequisite for a healthy society.” UNESCO International Conference on Education

Derived from the insights of Austrian born philosopher, scientist, artist and educator Rudolf Steiner, Steiner education provides enjoyable and relevant learning through deep engagement and creative endeavour, to develop ethical, capable individuals who can contribute to society with initiative and purpose. Steiner inspired education is now delivered in over 1050 schools in 60 countries.

Steiner education seeks to develop the physical, emotional and intellectual capacities of the developing child through an age appropriate curriculum that integrates the disciplines of movement, fine arts, and practical arts into the study of humanities, science and mathematics. Through the development of these capacities, we strive to educate the child in a healthy and balanced manner.

Raising the Next Generation

“Receive the children in reverence. Educate them in love. Send them forth in freedom.” – Rudolph Steiner

At West Coast Steiner School, we believe that the Steiner educational philosophy is powerful in guiding children towards finding their authentic voice, developing their moral capacities and nurturing their individual potential. We are committed to educating children and parents alike, so that together we can build the next generation of balanced, creative and socially responsible adults, equipped with purpose and meaning in their lives.
Assisting our students to establish for themselves “a life of learning” is a philosophy that represents our purpose as a school, our promise to our students and the desire of our parents.

Our curriculum is holistic, formative, and relevant, whilst also being practical and ‘life’ based. Its impact isn’t isolated to the short segment of life that students spend at our school.

In fact, we believe that its value is much greater than that. We strive to give our students the skills, knowledge and awareness to thrive as free thinking, socially committed adults who will aspire to become the truest possible version of themselves.

‘A life of learning’ speaks to the gift that parents give their children through providing a Steiner education. It recognises the long-term benefits and priceless return reaped through this educational investment. It brings together two words that we believe are intrinsically linked, yet too often segregated; Life and Learning. Life well lived doesn’t occur without learning, and learning itself, should always occur practically within the context of life.

Our Story – The West Coast Steiner School was established in 1995 by a group of parents with a shared belief in the Steiner philosophy, who were passionate about their children experiencing a truly holistic education. The West Coast Steiner School now provides a complete and authentic Steiner educational experience for students from Playgroup to Class 6.

A life of learning
At West Coast Steiner School we provide our students with an authentic Steiner education that focuses on nurturing and developing the whole being of each child, from Playgroup to Class 6.

Our curriculum is delivered through the use of multi-faceted, multi-sensory learning experiences, where teachers and students use a variety of intelligences to develop three distinct capacities – for thinking, feeling and intentional, purposeful activity.

Working from the indications of Rudolf Steiner, we strive to educate the whole being of each child; head, heart and hands. We embed this educational approach within a community guided by goodness, beauty and truth, to assist our students to enter into a changing world with intellectual freedom and purpose, and as self-directed adults with a lifelong love of learning.

Our curriculum is balanced, age-appropriate and tailored, ensuring our students are equipped with the knowledge, skills, and awareness to find fulfilment in all aspects of their life. Our approach is centered on building strong connections between children, teachers, community and the world around us, and is holistic and relationship-based.

Find out more about our curriculum: wcss.wa.edu.au/curriculum
THE VALUE OF A WEST COAST
STEINER SCHOOL EDUCATION

01 A positive school culture and ethos supported by strong traditions

02 A well rounded and diverse curriculum

03 Teachers dedicated to delivering high standards of teaching and learning

04 Developmentally appropriate lesson plans, delivered artistically and creatively

05 A focus on educating children to be emotionally responsive and responsible

06 A school dedicated to supporting the growth of children into fulfilled, imaginative and purposeful adults

07 A community minded school with a vibrant school community

08 High quality resources and equipment with books, excursions and camps included in annual fees
OUR GUIDING VALUES

The values that guide and define us at West Coast Steiner School:

A life of learning

Our philosophy is all about helping our students to develop a lifelong love of learning. This life of learning will assist our students in becoming creative, free thinkers who are socially responsible and purposeful.

We believe that it is imperative that education directly touches the hearts of children, to help them develop love for those around them, to reassure them that there is beauty and goodness in the world, and that they play a role in preserving that beauty and goodness.

Through our holistic and balanced approach, we foster an environment of beauty, creativity, and possibility that helps children become the best they can be.

The strength of our community

Guided by goodness, beauty, and truth, and weaved throughout and around every aspect of our school is a passionate, conscious, and committed community, and we know that we’re stronger together.

Connected by stories

In life, everyone and everything has a story, and as a school, we strongly believe in the power of storytelling. Stories are at the heart of our curriculum, and we’re passionate about creating a space where stories are shared, enjoyed, and learned from.