



## WILLUNGA WALDORF SCHOOL

### **Early Childhood (Reception) Teacher for 2024**

One year contract with a view to an ongoing position  
Full-time (1.0 FTE)

Willunga Waldorf School is now inviting applications for the position of **Early Childhood (Reception) Teacher**, to commence mid-January 2024.

#### **About Us**

Willunga Waldorf School is a thriving, contemporary, independent K to 12 school nestled in the beautiful Southern Vales of South Australia, close to magnificent coastline and surrounded by vines and almond groves. It is situated on the edge of the rural town ship of Willunga, fifty minutes' drive from the city of Adelaide. Here you will find an educational community where the potential of each one is supported through the strength of many.

#### **About You**

The successful applicant will be a committed, nurturing and imaginative Early Childhood educator, who possesses a genuine interest and warmth for facilitating children's individual learning journeys in a Waldorf reception class setting. They will be a team player with excellent interpersonal and communication skills, have a generally positive attitude and outlook, and are able to set boundaries with empathy and respect for students, colleagues and the parent community.

#### **About the Role**

The Early Childhood (Reception) Teacher will be responsible for the care and wellbeing of the children in the new Golden Wattle Reception class. Working with the principle of Waldorf Pedagogy, they will be the primary guardian and educator for a class of approximately 24 children. They will work in close collaboration with the Early Childhood Faculty in creating an inclusive, dynamic and creative environment for all children in the class.

#### Key selection criteria:

- Sound knowledge of Steiner/Waldorf education and Rudolf Steiner's theories of child development, especially as they relate to the first seven years of childhood
- Qualifications and commitment to personal and professional development in Steiner Early Years Education and Anthroposophy
- Excellent interpersonal skills with young children, parents/guardians and colleagues
- Demonstrated experience in facilitating play-based learning and familiarity with a wide repertoire of games, songs, stories and verses appropriate to the reception curriculum
- Collegiality and ability to work flexibly within a team
- Enthusiasm for teaching in a progressive Waldorf school
- A capacity to reflect on, evaluate and improve professional knowledge and practice
- Demonstrated commitment and capacity to actively contribute to a broad range of school activities

- Experience working with neurodiverse children and children with additional educational needs, or demonstrated commitment to learn
- Awareness of contemporary educational issues
- Artistic/musical/ handcraft skills

For a full position description, please visit our website: <https://wws.sa.edu.au/employment/>

### **Essential Qualifications/Certificates**

- Minimum Bachelor of Education in Early Childhood or Junior Primary
- Registration with the Teachers Registration Board of SA
- Waldorf Teacher training qualification
- Current "not-prohibited" SA Working with Children Check
- Current RRHAN-EC training certificate
- Current Provide First Aid in an Education and Care Setting certificate Provide, including Early Childhood approved Asthma and Anaphylaxis Management Training
- Food Safety Certificate

### **What We Offer**

Willunga Waldorf School offers an exciting, supportive and rewarding environment to work. We love what we do, and this shines through in our relationships with students, parents, colleagues and visitors alike.

Creativity, innovation and contemporary expressions of Steiner principles are encouraged throughout all areas of the School's life, and the School's physical environment inspires comfort, joy and connection.

This is a one year, fixed-term temporary contract with the view of this becoming an ongoing position. Remuneration is based on the 2022 Willunga Waldorf School Enterprise Agreement.

### **How to Apply**

Applicants must submit a cover letter that addresses the Key Selection Criteria and provide a professional resume and contact details of three referees who have worked in a supervisory capacity.

Please submit your full application via email to [hr@wws.sa.edu.au](mailto:hr@wws.sa.edu.au) by **5pm on Monday, 18 September 2023**.

We encourage you to visit the school website for a copy of the full position description and application process: <https://wws.sa.edu.au/employment>

For questions and enquiries about this position, please contact Ms Antje Guenther via [hr@wws.sa.edu.au](mailto:hr@wws.sa.edu.au)

