

Final 2026 Pedagogical Section Class Teacher and High School Intensives at the Newcastle Waldorf School

Welcome to the 2026 Intensives!

Sunday Introduction Sessions

We recommend that all teachers who are new or who have not yet had a Steiner teacher training attend these sessions in the hall.

It is most important for Class 1 teachers who have not taken a class through.

Sunday Intro (no charge) if you have the opportunity to attend the Sunday Introduction sessions from 12.30-2.30 with Andrew Hill and 3-5 with Diane Tatum.

Andrew Hill - 12.30-2.30pm

The structure of the day, the threefold rhythm

What is a Main Lesson? - What does a Main Lesson morning look like?

What is morning circle? The importance of oral language work.

The importance of rhythms of in and outbreathing and of the day.

Why do we tell stories (and a demonstration of a story told)

Teaching from the whole to the parts.

The inner life of the teacher. Diane Tatum – 3-5pm

The 3 and 4 fold human being and how that relates to teaching at different ages.

Experiencing the 3 and 4 fold human being in movement.

Exploring classroom management gifts. Importance of inner work.

Taking hold of the space of the classroom.

Use of gesture, voice and silence.

What is eurhythmy?

Monday morning- Registration 7am and early start 8.30am

Please complete registration and signing of the safety information between 7am and 8.20am on Monday at the tables in the hall foyer and just outside.

We will begin the first day at 8.30 with the Welcome to Country and then meet in the hall at 9am for singing before the lecture from 9.30-10.30am.

Hall space limit

The hall has two more air conditioners for 2026.

(Those whose school books their tickets after the closing date may be asked to sit up in the music room with an additional screen for the morning lecture. All other sessions each day everyone will fit in their normal room allocations.)

Eurhythmy 7.40--8.20am Tuesday to Friday

Diane Tatum will again be offering an early morning eurhythmy session on the grass below the hall in the shade before the morning singing.

Website Access

Once registered for the intensives participants can go to the Pedagogical Section website for the updated brochure, the timetables and the resources.

The link, log in and password will be provided in the booking confirmation.

Timetables are on the website

There are separate timetables on the above link for each of classes 1-7 and also the High School brochure which has a subject timetable included.

Resources are also available on the website and are still being updated.

These are for all classes 1-7, for Additional Needs and for Handwork as well as many other specialist subjects/areas. Please print off those you will need during the week such as music repertoire for your class.

Hall chairs

Please help with hall chair set up after singing or after or before your eurythmy sessions when the lecture mode is needed. Many hands make light work.

Room Chairs

All rooms have chairs for the enrolled teachers plus 2-3 for those teaching composite classes. If you are moving freely around many groups, you may need to source a chair.

Evening Sessions

On Monday evening handwork for class 4 will be from 6-7.30pm. On Tuesday for Class 5 handwork will be offered at the same time. Both will have dinner snacks available.

On Tuesday evening there will be a longer eurythmy/festival session for class 6 and above. A rehearsal of a **festival event such as the labyrinth or a play** from 7-8.30 and then a mini-festival from 8.30-9pm.

Wednesday evening many people go straight to the beach at 5.30pm for a private dinner and a swim.

Thursday evening will again be performance based, will feature Dawn Langman and special guests and is not to be missed. Please let us know if you have a contribution!

Accommodation

Registration for pre-booked accommodation can be completed from 2pm Sunday until 5pm. This is in shared classrooms bringing your own bedding. There will be no on-site camping.

Lost Property

Lost property will be kept up in the office in the admin cottage as you drive in. There is an open window as you walk up onto the verandah.

Information

For Information during the week there will be someone both in the hall or hall foyer and up in the office.

Rudolf Steiner Book Centre

The Rudolf Steiner Book Centre will be in the primary classrooms from Monday-Thursday.

Please keep the gates closed to the lower grass areas to keep the sheep in.