Who is this course for?
This course is for those who are interested in Steiner education and have little or no experience of Steiner pedagogy. The 1-day Introduction to Steiner Education, (7 hours) will introduce Steiner’s approaches and pedagogy in lectures and in a hands-on experiential way. The course aims to provide current mainstream teachers, interested community members and university students a concentrated overview of the main elements of Steiner Education. It is also a prerequisite for anyone wanting to enrol in a Masterclass who is not currently working in a Steiner context.

Who is leading the course?
This course is being coordinated by Dr Shelley Davidow who was a pioneering Waldorf/Steiner graduate in South Africa and who has taught every age and year level in Steiner schools in the USA and Australia over the past 20 years. She is a lecturer in curriculum and pedagogy at the University of the Sunshine Coast in Queensland and is the coordinator of the Graduate Certificate in Steiner Education. Shelley is also a trained facilitator in restorative practice as well as a HeartMath Personal Resilience Trainer, and runs workshops nationally and internationally on creative writing, sustainable teaching, creativity, social justice in schools, and mitigating the effects of stress on young people. The international author of 45 books, her recent titles include Shadow Sisters, (UQP, 2018), Fail Brilliantly (Familius, 2017) Playing with Words (Macmillan Palgrave, UK, 2016) Whisperings in the Blood, (UQP, 2016) and Raising Stress-Proof Kids (Exisle/Familius 2014/2015).

What will be covered?

SESSION ONE
An introduction to Steiner Education.
Shelley Davidow: The philosophy, pedagogy and practice; impact on the developing nervous system; Carol Liknaitzky on Early Childhood.

SESSION TWO
Practice and Pedagogy.
Shelley Davidow and Gregorio Noakes: Why Steiner schools do what they do? The role of the arts and aesthetics, imagination and creativity for healthy overall development.

SESSION THREE
History of Steiner Education in context.
Gregorio Noakes: The difference between Steiner Education and other alternative models.

SESSION FOUR
Art and Creative activities from the classroom.
Carol Liknaitzky, Shelley Davidow, Gregorio Noakes.