Criteria for Developing Institutional Membership:

Developing Institutional Members are kindergartens, childcare centres, and pre-schools that are either affiliated with a Rudolf Steiner / Waldorf school, or are independent, and meet the following criteria:

- The school or centre is registered, licensed and complies with government regulations regarding accreditation standards.
- The school or centre strives to deliver a Steiner/ Waldorf program and demonstrates a commitment to working with Steiner / Waldorf EC educational principles.
- The school or centre works visibly with Steiner EC pedagogical principles and strives to represent this educational impulse in the wider community.
- Senior EC staff members working within the school or centre have a qualification or training in Steiner EC education.
- The kindergarten or centre is functioning as a Steiner/ Waldorf early childhood organisation, and demonstrates viability in terms of finances, enrolment and staffing, all of which must be maintained for two or more years in order to achieve Full Institutional Membership.
- The school or centre pursues ongoing and regular study of Anthroposophy within their college or EC faculty.
- The school or centre seeks to actively participate in Steiner/ Waldorf EC regional meetings and conferences on an ongoing basis.

Developing Institutional Membership entitles members to:

- Information regarding Steiner / Waldorf EC International conferences and events.
- Invitations to Steiner / Waldorf EC AGMs, regional and national meetings and conferences in Australia.
- Information regarding EC events, educational issues and developments in Australia and overseas.
- Advice and/or assistance towards accessing support and professional development in the field of Steiner / Waldorf early childhood education and care.
- EC organisational advice.
- Access to EC mentoring that can assist with further developing Steiner / Waldorf EC education and care.

Procedure to apply for a Developing Institutional Membership:

- Contact the EC Regional Representative in your area (contact details are available on the SEA website). All expressions of interest from schools or centres wishing to develop towards Full Institutional Membership will be warmly received. All relevant information, including costs, application and assessment forms, will be discussed and forwarded after contact.

An annual membership fee is payable on submission of a Developing Institutional Membership Application Form until Full Institutional Membership is attained.
Payment options are on the application form (below), which can also be retrieved from the Steiner Education Australia (SEA) website. http://www.steinereducation.edu.au/about/associate-members/

An ‘Evaluation Visit’ to the applicant school or centre will be conducted by either a regional representative of AARSECE or an appointed EC assessor. Areas to be observed include:

- The school or centre’s delivery of a Steiner / Waldorf program.
- The implementation and quality of Steiner EC pedagogical practices and care.
- Compliance with Government regulations.

Criteria for Full Institutional Membership:

Full Institutional members are kindergartens, childcare centres and pre-schools that are either affiliated with a Rudolf Steiner / Waldorf school, or are independent and meet the following criteria:

- The school or centre is registered, licensed and complies with government regulations regarding accreditation standards.
- The school or centre delivers a Steiner/ Waldorf EC program.
- The school or centre works visibly with Steiner EC pedagogical principles and is able to represent this educational impulse in the wider community.
- Senior EC staff members working within the school or centre have received a qualification or training in Steiner EC Education.
- The school or centre has functioned as a Steiner / Waldorf EC organisation for more than two years, and has demonstrated its viability in terms of finances, enrolment and staffing.
- The EC staff is committed to ongoing and regular study of Anthroposophy within their college or EC faculty.
- The school or centre actively participates in Steiner/ Waldorf EC regional meetings and conferences on an ongoing basis.
- The school or centre is willing to help carry the work of AARSECE within their region.

Full Institutional Membership entitles members to:

- Information regarding upcoming Steiner / Waldorf EC International conferences and events.
- Invitations to Steiner / Waldorf EC AGMs, regional and national meetings and conferences in Australia.
- Information regarding EC events, educational issues and developments in Australia and overseas.
- Advice and/or assistance towards accessing support and professional development in the field of Steiner / Waldorf EC education and care.
- Listing of the member school or centre on the register of AARSECE.
- Membership to, and listing on, the International Association for Steiner Waldorf Early Childhood Education (IASWECCE) register.
- Possibility of financial assistance for one staff member to attend Steiner/ Waldorf EC conferences.
Financial discounts for one staff member, where offered, to attend AARSECE conferences or workshops

One vote from a staff member representing the school or centre in regional meetings or AGMs.

EC organisational advice.

Access to EC mentoring that can assist with further developing Steiner / Waldorf EC education and care.

The kindergarten or centre having the opportunity and responsibility to support the ongoing work of AARSECE within their region.

Procedure to apply for a Full Institutional Membership:

In accordance with the constitution of the Australian Association membership, status shall be granted by a majority of the Core Group members at the next Core Group meeting following the receipt of an application.
Australian Association for Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education (AARSECE)

· Developing Institutional Membership Application Form:

School name:
Year established:
Address
  Street:
  City:
  State:
  Postal Code:

School phone:
School e-mail:
School website:

Senior Early Childhood Teacher contact:
  Name:
  Phone:
  E-mail:

Office/administrative contact:
  Name:
  Phone:
  E-mail:

Type of Childcare program:
  __ Stand-alone Kindergarten or Preschool or Childcare Centre
  __ Early childhood program affiliated with a Steiner school
  __ Other (please describe)

Number of enrolled children in the EC program:

  __ We have enclosed our non-refundable $100 application fee, payable to AARSECE (details below)

  __ We have enclosed a copy of our state, or local licence.

Name of Person completing this application:
Please Note: Your organisation will be contacted prior to the required ‘Evaluation Visit’ for a conversation with the Steiner EC assessor outlining what the visit will entail, and detailing further information that will need to be provided. In accordance with the constitution of the Australian Association membership status shall be granted by a majority of the Core Group members at the next Core Group meeting following the receipt of an application.

Payment options:

Direct deposit - 062 559 – 10099892. Your name as the reference

Cheques: Australian Association For Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education Inc. (Or AARSECE)

post to:

The Treasurer
Australian Association for Rudolf Steiner Early Childhood Education
PO Box 3602
Tuggerah NSW 2259

Enquiries: please email: Heather van Zyl - heathervanzyl7@gmail.com