

**Speech by Mayor Logan K Howlett, JP
Perth Waldorf School Open Day & Fair
Saturday, 29 August, 2025**

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Good morning ladies and gentlemen, girls and boys.

My wife Pat and I are delighted to participate in the school's annual open day and fair event, an opportunity to showcase the amazing environment and all that it has to offer current and prospective students and their families.

Having been on Council at the time of the decisions around the planning & eventual construction of the school I have always been a strong advocate for all the school represents in the community.

I acknowledge the Wadjuk people of the Nyungar nation who are the traditional custodians of the land on which we have gathered today, and I pay respect to their Elders past and present.

I extend that respect to Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders who are present today.

The school's location amongst the bushland setting and the nearby Beeliar Wetlands and Banksia Woodlands provides the perfect backdrop for a learning environment at the forefront of education systems in Western Australia.

I thank the school for the warm welcome that we receive on every occasion whether it is events such as today, our visits to absorb the amazing year 12 presentations, to respond to invitations to talk with students prior to and on return from their exchange programs or during casual visits to the school.

The Steiner Education pathway is without doubt one of the best education systems I have personally observed from the many visits I have made to the pre-primary, primary and secondary schools.

It seems to have a balance that challenges and prepares students for an education pathway that enables them to aspire to achieving the very best they can in a supportive and caring environment.

Today is an opportunity for those seeking the information they need to determine if their child will become part of the school community going forward.

In my opinion, classroom visits, talking to teachers and support staff, current students and parents will paint a picture of complete satisfaction and excellence in learning.

Pat & I always look forward to the visits to the classrooms and admiring the schoolwork presented for viewing by visitors. We also look forward to the craft areas and community information on display.

It is also an ideal way to raise funds for the school and to see how connectivity across the community works in a fun environment.

I am also waiting to visit the food stalls to decide my lunch options.

In closing, the Rudolph Steiner education programs have and will continue to produce students of a high calibre who will be amongst the business and community leaders of the future.

Congratulations on a day full of anticipation and excitement.

I now declare the School's Open Day and Fair Officially Open.

Thank you and please enjoy your day.