

Apryl Sponholz

The WISE Charter School

Superintendent



Apryl began her teaching career in 2008 at the Tarremah Steiner School in Tasmania, Australia. Her journey into Waldorf education came somewhat by chance –after completing a Bachelor of Teaching at the University of Tasmania, she had answered an ad in the paper that opened the door to this unique and inspiring education.

Growing up in rural Alberta, northeast of Lacombe, Apryl was shaped by the values of learning through doing, responsibility, community, family, and a deep appreciation of the land - principles that closely align with the educational expression of Waldorf pedagogy. Before embarking on an educational career path, she earned a Bachelor of Science with a double major in Archeology and Anthropology from the University of Calgary. The decision to move to Tasmania to complete her teaching degree marked a significant turning point, leading her to the world of Waldorf education.

Apryl had the privilege of teaching a complete class cycle from 1-8 in Tasmania, an experience that solidified her commitment to Waldorf pedagogy. After several fulfilling years abroad, she returned to Canada to be closer to her family. She spent a year teaching at the O'Chiese School, northwest of Rocky Mountain House, before joining the Calgary Waldorf School (CWS) faculty as a Class 4 teacher. In 2019, Apryl transitioned into the role of Head of School at CWS.

As a Waldorf educator and administrator with over 16 years of experience in Canada and abroad, Apryl is eager to collaborate with the wonderful team at the WISE Charter School. She looks forward to supporting the school as it continues to lead in delivering Waldorf education in Edmonton as a Charter school.