

Yearly Educational Plan

Student Name Sample Child

Date _____

Grade/Year: Year 5 and 6



Group Learning Ideas

- Reading aloud/ history lessons
- Nature study and nature walks
- Homeschool co-op art lessons

Excursions & Field Trips

- Art Gallery local visit
- State Art Gallery visit.

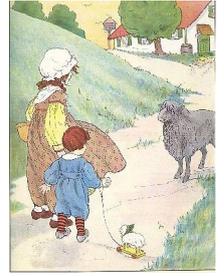
Events through local homeschool group

- Poetry Recital
- Swimming Carnival
- Athletics Carnival
- Others TBA as they appear.



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Subjects - Key Learning Areas



English - Writing, Reading, & Speaking

Language and Literacy

Emma Serl is a three year program for Year 4 to Year 6 that teaches a variety of English skills.

- [Intermediate Language Lessons-Part 2](#) (Year 5)
- [Intermediate Language Lessons-Part 3](#) (Year 6)

Daily copywork to improve cursive skills.
Spelling is taught with dictation.
Narrations - oral and written narrations.

Resources Year 5

- [Downunder Copywork Book 3 - Cursive](#)
- [Downunder Passages](#) or [Spelling Wisdom Book 2](#)

Extra Resources Year 6

- [Any Novel Novel Study Guide](#) - [Ash Road](#) by Ivan Southall (or other book of choice)

Literature Poetry and Fiction

Australian history is the focus of these two years so Australian stories and historical fiction is mostly chosen. [For ideas see this reading list.](#)

- [Australian Classic Poems](#)
- [Random House Book of Poetry](#)
- [Tales from Shakespeare by C & M Lamb](#) 2 stories per year.
- Classic Poems as appear in Intermediate Language Lessons
- Poetry recital

Note : A **reading list** is kept with novels read. Not all books have been determined.

Science reading, Historical fiction and biographies will also be read. See Science, Social Studies and Bible elective.

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Math

Math instruction given as needed.

Suggested Curriculums:

Math course of your choice:

- [Math Online](#)
- [Singapore Math](#)

Foreign Language

This is an optional subject.

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Science & Nature - Physics, Chemistry, Biology, Earth & Space,

The Australian Curriculum teaches portions all sciences strands within each school year. Science teaching is broken down into science understanding, science skills and human endeavour. The curriculum states that these topics are interrelated and that scheduling of topics can be taught at the teacher's discretion. I choose to teach in depth in one science strand. These years will focus on Chemistry, Physics and Biology. Earth science will be part of the Australian Geography Resources - [Discover Downunder](#) and the [Bush Calendar and Nature Journal](#).

We use notebooking and nature study for our scientific skills and recording.

Resources Year 5 and Year 6 Resources

These narrative style science books, written specifically for the home school setting are excellent for independent study.

- [Exploring Creation with Zoology](#) Book 1 or 2 (Year 5)
- [Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics](#) (Year 6)

Nature and Environment Study

Nature study and journaling will continue to teach about living things and how they grow. Nature Walks once per week.

Our nature reading also includes a book about the devastation of bushfires - [Ash Road by Ivan Southall](#).

Resource Year 5 & 6

- Nature Journal
- Nature readers as mentioned above.
- [Keeping a nature Journal by Leslie and Roth](#)
- [Ash Road by Ivan Southall](#)

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Social Studies



Historical Period - Australian History & Modern History

Some Australian history has been covered in previous years but this year we will see a more comprehensive approach. Much of the literature, poetry, geography and art have an Australian focus.

The Australian National Curriculum covers the history of Australia in three sections:

- First Contacts to Australia before 1800.
- The Australian Colonies 1800-1900
- Australia as a nation from 1900

We will be making an Australia book which will include narrations, book reviews, observations and research.

Resources Year 5 and 6

- [Our Sunburnt Country by Arthur Baillie](#) (Year 5)
- [Australian History Notebook](#)
- Civics is a biographical timeline of Australian's Prime Ministers.

Modern History - World

If you have been reading through this book the following chapters are relevant.

[A Child's History of the World by Virgil Hillyer](#)

- Chapters 78 - 91 (1821 - 2000) Year 6 . This will cover history globally helping put context to Australia's history.

Additional Reading Historical Fiction

Australian history is the focus of these two years so Australian stories and historical fiction is mostly chosen. [For ideas see this reading list.](#)

Geography and Civics also have a Australian focus as we cover Australian places and read from an Australian literary journal written 100 years ago.

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Geography - Countries, Maps & Nature

Australian geography is covered within the history of Australia. Nature study (overlaps with earth science) also gives some observation skills as the physical geography of local areas is recorded.

The Australian Curriculum big idea for geography is about extreme weather events, climate change, population and tourism. We will discuss these with Discover Downunder.

The Bush Calendar and nature journal is a tool to help your child make a field study of their area over a one year period.

Resources Year 5

- [Discover Downunder](#)
- [Downunder Geography and Map Journal](#)

Resources Year 6

- [A Bush Calendar by Amy Mack](#)
- [Bush Calendar and Nature Journal](#)

Novels Based on Extreme Weather Events

[Hills End by Ivan Southall](#) - Cyclone in Country Australia

[Ash Road by Ivan Southall](#) - Bush Fire

Flash Flood by Colin Thiele - out of print. [Try Trove.](#)

Civics & Citizenship

Civics will be discussed as we cover Federation of Australia.

Plus we study PM of Australia Year 6

- [Prime Ministers of Australia by Jill Bruce](#)
- [Prime Ministers of Australia Notebook](#)

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Art - Picture Study, Visual Arts, Music Appreciation, Dance & Music Lessons,

Visual Art

- Art classes with qualified art teacher optional
- [Australian Artist Picture Study](#)
- [Monet and the Impressionists: Their lives and ideas with 21 activities](#)

Music and Dance

- Classes for these are optional
- Music appreciation through listening to composers and shows such as [Classics For Kids Radio](#).

Personal Health and Development - Health, Character, & Sport

This common sense subject is taught through the activities of daily living and participation in local sports and co-op homeschool events.

- nutrition and diet instruction is given while cooking, personal advice on hygiene can teach healthy living.
- participation in regular exercise, with things like walking, swimming, gymnastics, bike riding, outdoor play, and backyard sports.
- Regular sports can also be included as part of this subject.
- reading of appropriate library books on health related subjects if desired.

Continue teaching as needed personal development skills. This will overlap with my Bible elective as we will do character training

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Elective Subjects



Bible

Continue with scripture reading and choose some books from my Christian Children's Books list.

Scripture readings and Christian literature as determined.

- [Spindles Series by Barry Chant](#). Australian adventures from a boy living in outback Australia. Each adventure teaches character and moral lesson.

Sample Australian Primary Homeschool Curriculum Plans

My chosen resources are only a handful of the resources available to homeschoolers. However, having helped many home educating parents I have found that having a concrete plan to begin with helps shape what homeschooling looks like and makes it doable. From that point, and with a little experience under your belt, you can decide what works for you. If you already have some ideas of what you want to use please substitute.

Scope and Sequence

When preparing this guide I have looked at the seven years of primary school from Kindergarten to Year 6 and suggested a sequence that fits together broadly with the Australian Curriculum. When you homeschool you are often educating more than one child and so swapping between grades is common. Don't be afraid to stream subjects you do together as a group, particularly read alouds, poetry, social studies, art and PDHPE.

Writing Your Own Plan

These ideas are based on plans that I have used for **successful homeschool registration** over my 15 years of home education. Most suggested resources I have personally used for my children; other suggestions are popular choices. The yearly planner template used is part of the [Homeschool Pretty Planner and How to Plan ebook](#). It has digital forms that you can write straight into from your computer or print them off for handwritten notes.

Homeschool Guides

I have briefly outlined the resources for the school years but I encourage you to read my guides to help you implement and understand why these resources were chosen.

- How To Homeschool 101: Getting Started in the Primary Years
 - Australian Homeschool Curriculum Guide K to Year 2
 - Australian Homeschool Curriculum Guide Year 3 to 6

All these ebooks can be purchased in my [Getting Started Homeschool Set](#)