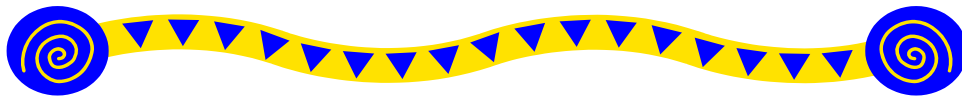


50 Website Homeschoolers Should Know

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Finding homeschooling support and resources can be bamboozling at first.

Here is a list of popular websites to go to find the resources and information you need as a homeschooler includes a bonus section for Australian homeschoolers.

A few of the provided links are affiliate links however they are only in this directory because they are worth mentioning.

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Free Online Tools



You can access these through [Google Drive](#) Fantastic for sharing information and working on projects that you want to do on other computers. It has spreadsheets, document and forms. My son writes a story with a friend using Google docs.



Make your own blog for you and the kids to show grandma and get the kids tech savvy.



You'll need to sign into your Google+ profile to access this. The video is like Skype but you can also record your live Google Hangouts and easily put them on Youtube.



A free alternative to Photoshop.



Their [Ultimate Guides](#) are great homeschool indexes for a variety of topics. Here are a few.

- [Homeschooling On A Budget](#)
- [New Homeschoolers](#)
- [Math Resources](#)
- [Free preschool curriculum](#)
- [Understanding Homeschool methods](#)
- [Studying a foreign language](#)
- [Homeschooling Many](#)



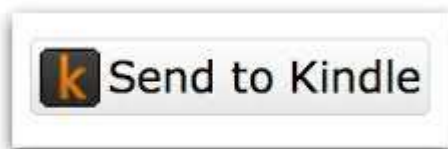
You can make your own [homeschool playlists for educational videos](#) you want your children to watch. This is an excellent resource that I hardly ever see people use.



Another free blogging platform. A little more difficult



This is a kind of an online stick note system. You can also choose [Google Keep](#) for this.



If you want to read a PDF on your kindle you can use this service.

Finding Books

PUBLIC DOMAIN BOOKS

- [Project Gutenberg](#)
- [Project Gutenberg Australia](#)
- [Main Lessons – The Baldwin Project](#)
- [Internet Archive](#)
- [Google Books](#)



[Fishpond](#) is the place I go to for Australian books. They are almost as cheap as Book Depository for everything but I have found for books coming from overseas they can be a little slow. They now have free postage worldwide so if you're looking an Aussie or New Zealand book this is the place to go.



[Book Depository](#) is the place I buy almost all of my books. Delivery can take up to 3 weeks so you need to plan for that. It's almost always the cheapest especially when you consider the worldwide postage.

The Local Library

Your local library will probably have an online search and reservation service. You can also borrow ebooks which can be great if you are travelling. We also use the library to get many DVDs as well

Book Lists

There are many places to find booklists on the internet.

- [Homeschooling Downunder Booklist Index](#)
- [Sonlight Website Curriculum books](#)
- [Ambleside Online](#)
- [Story Formed By Sarah Clarkson](#)



Free public domain audio books. Lots of classics that you can download.



[Amazon](#) is the place I go to for my second hand books. You can pay a motza for your postage but sometimes when you want a particular book it's worth it.

I also use Amazon for book reviews and to find out what other people who bought that book also purchased. This site is an excellent resource tool.



[Christianbook.com](#) is where I look for Christian resources that I can't find at Book Depository. Postage is hefty but sometimes it's the only place to get a book. Postage takes about three weeks and they usually send you a good catalogue with more temptations.

LIBRARY SEARCH

[World Cat](#) is book catalogue for books all over the world. All you need to do is a simple online search. After you find the book you want speak to your local librarian to organise an inter-library loan. [Trove](#) is where I go to when I'm looking for a library books in Australia that I can't find locally.



[Books and Collectibles](#) is my hunting ground for looking at what Australian secondhand bookshops have on offer.

Worldwide Curriculum

[Simply Charlotte Mason](#)

Provides Charlotte Mason curriculum. We love their Spelling Wisdom series.



MY FATHER'S WORLD®
See the World Through God's Eyes

[My Father's World](#) is a literature based curriculum that lots of homeschool mums are raving about. It came out after my little ones had grown so I never got a chance to use it.



SONLIGHT

[Sonlight](#) is another literature based curriculum that is quite popular. Although we have never used their guides we have used many of their book recommendations.

Abeka

[Abeka](#) is another American Christian textbook supplier. You can buy their products from [Christianbook.com](#) also.



ACE packs can be bought from [Christianbook.com](#).

You can also choose to use a distance education provider. In Australia you can choose from a few.

- [Australian Christian Homeschooling](#)
- [South East Home Education](#)
- [Homeschool Western Australia](#)

AmblesideOnline

[Ambleside Online](#) provides a free literature based curriculum for Charlotte Mason homeschoolers. Even if you aren't going to follow it all there are still many nuggets of gold on this website.



LIVING BOOKS CURRICULUM™
A Charlotte Mason education for the 21st century

[Living Books Curriculum](#) is another Charlotte Mason curriculum for you to choose from.

FI♡AR

I love [Five In A Row](#) unfortunately they won't send to Australia but they do have some ebooks. [Rainbow resources](#) will send FIAR to Australia but postage is very high.



bjupress®

Christ-centered resources for
education, edification, & evangelism

[Bob Jones University Press](#). These people are textbook suppliers for American Christian schools but they have some great material. You can buy their products from [Christianbook.com](#).



[Winter Promise](#) is another resource that is fairly new but popular. It has a wide selection of theme based projects that lots of mums love.



Alpha Omega
PUBLICATIONS

[AlphaOmega](#) publishes worktexts, computer based curriculums and other popular resources for a complete distance education package. We used Switched-On-School house for science with my first son.

You can buy their products from [Christianbook.com](#).

Australian Homeschool Bonus

Publishers & Suppliers



[Homeschooling Downunder](#) – that’s me!
I have lots of resources for many subjects.
Many of my resources have a Charlotte Mason
flavour.



[Education Reformation](#) is an Australian provider
of homeschool materials. They sell Singapore
Math another popular resource.

Homeschooling Supplies

[Homeschooling supplies](#) provide workbooks to
meet Australian curriculum



Math Online is good for our family. Use this link
to get the [homeschool discount price and read
my review.](#)



[Adnil Press](#) publishes and sells homeschooling
Classical curriculum including the popular IEW
series.



[LEM](#) sells Christian schooling materials. There
phonics program is very intensive and used in
schools and also liked by many homeschoolers.



[Maths Australia](#) is the Australian provider of
Math-U-See a very popular program amongst
home schoolers.

Australian Support



Home Education Association
The [HEA provides support](#) and insurance for homeschoolers in Australia.



[Home Education Network](#) is an active Victorian based group that provides great support and a magazine *Otherways*.



Western Australian based support group for home schoolers.



[Aussiehomeschool](#) is an Australian homeschooling forum that provides support, classifieds and loads of information.

I recommend you join this forum.



[Connecting Queenslanders](#) is a support group for Queensland homeschoolers.



[Rockpool homeschool](#) is another great forum for NZ and Aussie homeschoolers.



[Christian Home Education in Canberra](#). A very well organised group with lots of activities.



Sydney based homeschooling group that organises many outings.



[Hencast](#) is an ACT and Southern Highlands group.

There are loads of support groups to be found on facebook. The list would go on forever. Here are a few Australian ones. Try searching and see what you come up with.



[Australian Homeschool Network](#) is another group of homeschoolers who hold an annual conference.

- [Homeschool Australia](#)
- [Charlotte Mason Australia](#)
- [Unschool Australia](#)
- [Australian Highschool Australia](#)
- [Aussiehomeschool Facebook](#)

Curriculum Help



[Australian Homeschool Curriculum Guide](#) for the primary years.



To read about the new requirements for the [Australian curriculum](#) you can look here.

For [cheat sheet outcomes lists](#) look here.

AmblesideOnline

Jeanne from [O Peaceful Day](#) has lots of suggestions for adapting this curriculum to suit Australian homeschoolers.