

Yearly Educational Plan

Student Name Sample Child

Date _____

Grade/Year: Year 7 - 8



Group Learning Ideas

- Reading aloud/ history lessons
- Nature study and nature walks
- Homeschool co-op art lessons
- High School Shakespeare group

Excursions & Field Trips

- Art Gallery local visit
- State Art Gallery visit.

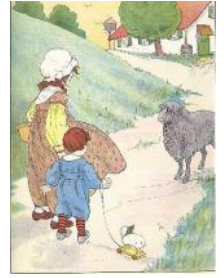
Events through local homeschool group

- 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

- [IEW - Student Writing Intensive B](#) - for teaching writing skills .
- Historical Themed Narrations using [Famous Men of Greece and Rome](#) (Year 7) and [Famous Men of The Middle Ages](#) (Year 8) using principles learned in IEW student Intensive B
- Spelling is taught with dictation - Spelling Wisdom Book 3
- [Any Novel Novel Study Guide](#) - Novel Study of one of chosen novel
- The history of [English Literature for Boys and Girls](#) (it will take 2-3 years to read this)
- Shakespeare play from [Brightest Heaven of Invention](#) study guide. Hamlet and Much Ado about Nothing

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.
- [The Grammar of Poetry](#) - we used the video set which I think makes it a lot easier to understand.
- [Poetry anthology or particular poet](#)

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.

Reading List Suggestions: Year 7 -

[Ancient History List](#) - Top Pick - [The Hittite Warrior](#) and the [Children's Homer](#)

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Math

Math instruction given as needed.

Suggested Curriculums:

Math course of your choice:

- [Math Online](#)

Foreign Language

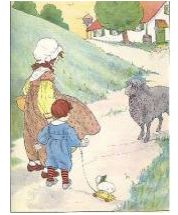
This is an optional subject.

You may wish to do some Latin while studying Ancient History

[Latin Copywork](#) is also good for cursive practice .

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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 -

Exploring Creation Series ([Human Anatomy](#)) - Biology
[Apologia Physical Science](#) - Physics and Chemistry

Nature and Environment Study

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

- [Exploring the World Around You by Gary Parker](#) (Earth Science and Geography)

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Historical Period - Australian History & Modern History

- Historical Themed Narrations using [Famous Men of Greece and Rome](#) (Year 7) and [Famous Men of The Middle Ages](#) (Year 8)
- using principles learned in IEW student Intensive B
- Historical Readers

Year 7 -

[Ancient History List](#) - Top Pick - [The Hittite Warrior](#) and the [Children's Homer](#)

[Ancient Greece and Rome](#) - Top pick [The Bronze Bow](#) and

Year 8

[Early Middle Ages](#) - Top Pick - [Rolf and the Viking Bow](#)

[Crusades Knights and Middle Ages](#) - Top Pick - In Freedoms Cause by GA Henty - A [dramatized audio version](#) can be found here.

- For some Asian history I suggest choosing some historical readers from [this Asia booklist](#).

Additional Reading Historical Fiction

- Ancient History
- Middle Ages

are the focus of these two years so historical fiction is mostly chosen.

[For ideas see this reading list](#).

Make sure you include some Asian history.

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Geography - Countries, Maps & Nature

Year 7: Discover Downunder – A geography book for Kids by J Lloyd et al. This book and its accompanied resource will give you Australian examples of geography matters. It includes a notebook and mapping work. (This book may already have been used in Year 6)

Year 8: Exploring the World Around You - A look at nations from the tropics to the Tundra by Gary Parker. Each chapter is followed by a short test. Christian worldview.

Civics & Citizenship

Parliament and Politics ebook – This will guide you to resources and ask questions about many of the topics suggested for study on Australian government. This resource will take one to two years if you do it completely.

What Ever Happened To Penny Candy by Richard Maybury - is a wonderful introduction to the economics and the money systems of the

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

Visual Art

- Art classes with qualified art teacher optional
- Asian Art Picture Study

Music and Dance

- Classes for these are optional

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

Scripture readings and Christian literature as determined.

Greenleaf Guide to the Old Testament History is an excellent study guide that goes through the history of the Old Testament. **HIGHLY RECOMMENDED**

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](#)