



Course Outline

Kindergarten

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Course Outline

Hello!

We're so glad that you are considering My Homeschool for your child's home education. This outline will hopefully answer some of your questions and help you understand the workings of this course. Let's begin!

Typically, a child in Kindergarten is around 5 or 6. Kindergarteners are generally keen and excited to start their formal learning and this year sees them achieve a number of learning milestones.

Note: Some Australian states refer to this first year of schooling by different names such as **Kindergarten, Prep or Foundation Year**. Kindy is a name used for preschool in Queensland and their first year of school is called Prep. **This is not a preschool course.**

The My Homeschool Graded Courses are based on the Australian Curriculum (including the NSW Syllabus and Western Australian Curriculum) content and outcome statements. It will comply with all the states and territories' requirements.

Charlotte Mason's literature rich approach to home education is our inspiration. However, we have also introduced a range of eclectic teaching ideas and resources that reflect a modern approach to the Australian Curriculum. An atmosphere of learning is encouraged in the home including taking advantage of natural learning opportunities. Delight directed learning is supported with children having the freedom to explore desired areas of interest.

We believe this course will satisfy your desire to give your child a wholesome living book education which will still comply with government obligations for home education registration.

Choice has also been built into this curriculum to give you the flexibility you need for teaching multiple ages and adapting to the special needs and interests of your child/children.

As the teaching parent, you are also learning how to teach your child at home. This course uses a few Charlotte Mason teaching strategies that need to be understood to follow this curriculum. If you are unfamiliar with any of these ideas then

explanations are found in the complimentary **Homeschool Teaching 101** course provided when you subscribe.

Should I Skip Kindergarten?

Unfortunately, kindergarten is sometimes dismissed as unnecessary, confused with preschool, melded into Year 1, or simply viewed through different education philosophies, such that the real wonder, meaning and purpose for kindergarten has been forgotten or cast aside.

Some home educators misunderstand kindergarten to only be a formal school construct and miss the opportunities that come for enjoying and exploring learning at this age.

Kindergarten is not only an important step in the life long journey of education, but a wonderful way to gently step into home education. It is not to be missed!

Please refer to our [Kindergarten Readiness Checklist](#) for a short checklist approach to developmental milestones most children will have achieved before commencing kindergarten.

We also have a [Kindergarten Completion Achievement List](#) so you can see if your child is ready for Year One.

Do I Need to Start at the Beginning of the Year?

No! This course has a flexible format that can be started at any time. If you wish to begin mid-term or mid-year you can still pick up the course from Week One.

Since math resources are purchased separately you can follow the level you were using prior to starting the course.

Secular or Christian

This curriculum aims to give parents confidence that they are educating their children with a world view that honours the values of Christian education however our resources are not exclusively Christian. We have attempted to choose great resources and often a secular resource was the best option. Specific Bible study resources have not been included in this course but you are encouraged to set up

your own schedule for this and add it to your read aloud time if desired. Education of the whole child is important to us and parents are encouraged to nurture their children's spiritual, intellectual, emotional and social needs.

How Much Does This Course Cost?

Become a Member

- To enrol in our graded courses you must first [become a member](#).

Membership remains active as long as you stay subscribed. Membership gives you access to the My Homeschool Learning Platform, our *Homeschool Teaching 101* course, our *Homeschool Registration* course and our art and music enrichment courses. The membership can only be used for the family subscribed. The membership may not be used for non-family members.

- [Member's Only = \\$385 with no additional subscription. This is available via the Moodle website after you become a subscribed member.](#)

How Much is Online?

We use Moodle, a popular educational online learning platform to run our courses. This course is mostly a resource for the parent. Your child will occasionally need access to the My Homeschool to complete watch video lessons. A laptop, tablet, or desktop computer will work well. Your smart phone can be used for a quick review, or on the go, but it's not the best long-term option for online reading and watching videos.

Our courses are set out in three sections:

- Before You Start – This has the files that you will need to help you get going with our course. (This is for the parent)
- The Virtual Cupboard – stores all the lesson resources. (This is for the parent)
- Weekly Topics – This section is set out into the 36 weeks of the semester. It includes all the online links, and videos needed for that week in one handy place. No need to surf the internet looking for information, or find a PDF to open, because we've conveniently set it all up for you, so you can go straight to the place we recommend.

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Our online platform in Kindergarten is a tool for helping parents get organized and prepared for teaching their child. Most of our lessons require reading from a real book or a paper-based resource. Our notebooking activities use pen and paper. Additional time online will be included if your mathematics resource is online. [Here is a video showing how it works.](#)

How Much Time Will This Involve?

My Homeschool follows the Charlotte Mason practice of shorter lessons so there is time for the student to follow other interests. Approximately three to four days per week is allocated to group study and reading aloud. Your day will usually include consistent lesson time in the mornings, leaving afternoons free for natural learning and play. You can also get some of your jobs done or go visiting!

Assessment and Record Keeping

A 36 week schedule is provided which has been split into 4 terms. 8 weeks are set topics and the 9th week is an assessment and review week that often includes a project.

Each week has its own checklist available online or as a downloadable PDF.

Registration is made simple with our Yearly Planning Template and detailed scope and sequence. We also provide certificates and portfolio prompts that will make documentation and continued registration a cinch.

At the end of each term there is a downloadable report of work achieved over the term. Parents add comments and assessments of their child's progress in each area of learning.

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Course Subjects

English

Reading aloud from living books is a large component of our English program and we've recommend some great classics for you to read this year.

- Our *Literature Feast unit studies* include some spectacular picture books that will teach different aspects about science, history, geography, nature and art – all without a textbook!
- Poetry choices feature A.A. Milne and R.L. Stevenson.
- Dolch/Sight word lists are provided.
- Copywork and handwriting practice focuses on correct formation of numerals and the alphabet.
- Comprehension lessons are done using narration and conversation. Children are encouraged to explain what they are seeing as a pre-writing skill.

A learning to read program is not provided but we recommend this inexpensive book:

- *Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons* (other suggestions are given if you prefer a different program).

All these resources used together will be developing their reading skills but progress is very individual.

Math

We give you lots of ideas on how to make your math program play based and practical. My Homeschool has been developed to give you flexibility and choice when it comes to choosing a maths program that suits your family best.

We don't provide math worksheets but we do give suggestions for textbooks and online resources.

History and Geography

While a chronological approach to history is taught from Year 2, kindergarteners will explore more about their own family history. Geography is taught through living books and focuses on places of wonder.

Science & Nature

We study biology this year, focusing on Australian animals and how plants grow. We also look at the lives of three scientists. Relevant information is provided through our resources and websites.

Four themes for Nature Study are offered, including insects, the Australian bush, our skies and rivers.

Creative Arts

Creative and Practical Arts are taught with other subjects including: nature journaling, literature based unit studies, picture study and music appreciation.

Dramatic presentations are practiced during poetry recital and acting out stories.

Personal Health & Development

This commonsense subject is taught through the activities of daily living and participation in local sports and community events. Healthy Conversations checklists are provided for each stage of the syllabus so you can teach respectful relationships and personal growth as you deem appropriate.

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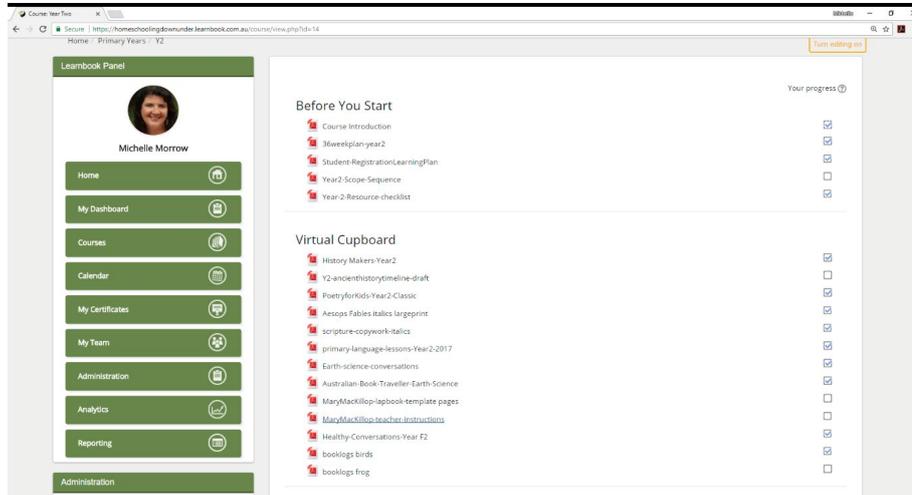
Note: We have not included a structured devotion time into this course. If this is your practice we encourage you to do so and count it as part of your child's personal development.

Foreign Languages

There are no lessons planned in this subject.

What's Included

These are provided in an electronic file format and found in the resource section of your course.



- Kindergarten Course Introduction
- Kindergarten Guide: 36 weeks of lesson plans
- Registration Pack: Yearly plan with scope and sequence
- Teaching Handwriting the Charlotte Mason Way
- Nature Journaling with Kids
- Blinky Bill Alphabet and Numbers Copywork
- Poetry selections for the year (free online)
- Australian Animals Mini Books
- A Literature Feast: Plants and Gardens
- A Literature Feast: Scientists
- A Literature Feast: Places of Wonder
- A Literature Feast: All About Me
- Nature Study in Kindergarten
- Foundation Maths – Practical Math Ideas
- Healthy Conversations Foundation to Year 2
- Book Log: Birds or Frogs
- Thirds handwriting page

Additional Books and Resources

These items are not provided but are needed for the course. It is estimated these will cost approximately \$200.

- Own choice math curriculum
- [Teach Your Child to Read in 100 Easy Lessons](#) or another reading program of your own choice reading program
- [Owen and the Mountain by Malachy Doyle](#)
- [Dumpling Soup by Jama Kim Rattigan](#)
- [My Farm by Alison Lester](#) (stocked by many libraries)
- [Starry Messenger by Peter Sís](#)
- [Gregor Mendel: The Friar Who Grew Peas by Cheryl Bardoe](#)
- [Life in the Ocean: The Story of Oceanographer Sylvia Earle by Claire A Nivoli](#)
- [Perfect by Danny Parker](#)
- [Time of Wonder by Robert McCloskey](#)
- [North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration by Nick Dowson](#)
- [How Does My Garden Grow by Gerda Muller](#)
- [Miss Rumphius by Barbara Cooney](#)
- [Eddie's Garden and How to Make Things Grow by Sarah Garland](#)
- Stationary supplies.

Sample from Week One

Family Time and Read Alouds

- ❖ Own Choice scripture and family devotional
- ❖ Read picture books: [The Tale of Peter Rabbit](#)
- ❖ Own Choice Novel
- ❖ Poetry: [Bed In Summer](#)
- ❖ [Composer Study](#)
- ❖ [Picture Study Rotation](#)

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ Own choice Reading curriculum
- ❖ [Handwriting: Blinky Bill Alphabet and Numbers Copywork: the letter i](#)
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum (We suggest some options)

Notebooking Activities

- ❖ All About Me: [My, Myself and I – Week One](#)
- ❖ Australian Animals Mini Books (Commences Week 2 – [Here is a sample](#)).
- ❖ [Nature Study: Bees](#)

Enrichment Activities

- ❖ Classic read aloud
- ❖ Free reading / library visit
- ❖ Nature walk
- ❖ Sports activity
- ❖ Music lesson practice
- ❖ Listen to term composer
- ❖ Handicrafts
- ❖ All About Me extension activities
- ❖ Nature Study reading

Additional Notes

Sample from Week Nine: Assessment and Review

- ❖ Collect samples of work for portfolio. (For Queensland students follow the HEU guidelines. Look for a sample of writing, mathematics and a page from their All About Me work).
- ❖ Catch up on any unfinished work.
- ❖ Look over child's work and write an assessment of their progress—refer to each subject and record any extra curricula activities that you did this term. Place term assessment in portfolio.
- ❖ Print off term report from My Homeschool and place in portfolio.
- ❖ Record child's own reading in book log.
- ❖ Look through *Healthy Conversations* checklist to see if you can check off any topics.
- ❖ Check you have all the books needed* and complementary for next term:
 - ✓ **Perfect* by Danny Parker
 - ✓ **Time of Wonder* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ **North: The Amazing Story of Arctic Migration* by Nick Dowson

Optional – Complementary Books to Look For:

- ✓ *Clouds* by Anne Rockwell
 - ✓ *Children of the Northlights* by Ingri and Edgar Parin D'Aulaire
 - ✓ *Immi* by Karin Littlewood
 - ✓ *Very First Last Time* by Jan Andrews
 - ✓ *Circle* by Jeannie Baker
 - ✓ *One Morning in Maine* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ *Make Way for Ducklings* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ *Blueberries for Sal* by Robert McCloskey
 - ✓ *You and Me, Murrawee* by Kerri Hashmi
 - ✓ *Hello from Nowhere* by Raewyn Caisley
 - ✓ *Magic Beach* by Alison Lester
- ❖ Select a few books for child's own reading Term 2.