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Course Outline

Year 2

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Course Outline

Hello!

I'm 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!

This is a summary of our course for Year 2. Typically, a child in Year 2 is around 7 or 8.

The My Homeschool Graded Courses are based on the Australian Curriculum (and the NSW Syllabus) 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.

A range of authors have collaborated to provide a rich feast for the Year 2 My Homeschool course. 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.

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?

Initial Course Price with Subscription

If you are new to My Homeschool and not a member then your course membership is activated once you purchase your first course; the initial course price includes your \$15 monthly membership subscription fee. Membership remains active as long as you stay subscribed. Membership gives you access to the My Homeschool Learning Platform, the grade you purchased, our *How to Homeschool 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.

- Course Price = \$385 (+ \$15 per month for first time subscriber).
- Member's Only Price = \$385 with no additional subscription. This is available via the Moodle website.

How Much is Online?

We use Moodle, a popular educational online learning platform to run our courses. In Year Two this 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.

Whilst we are utilizing this platform for learning, 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.

There are no formal tests in Year 2.

Subject Outline

English

Our literature based approach includes many living books.

Spelling, grammar and punctuation are taught using sentences and Dolch word lists. Classic literature is used for copywork and handwriting practice. Comprehension lessons are done using narration and conversation. Children are encouraged to explain what they are seeing as a pre-writing skill.

They will be developing their reading skills but progress is very individual. Reading together is still required.

Math:

We don't provide a math curriculum but we do give suggestions.

History

World History

A chronological approach to history is taught from Year 2.

We study Ancient history from Creation to 450 BC.

- The Creation story has been taken from Genesis

Note: A secular alternative has also been offered.

Literature from these times is also studied.

An Ancient History Timeline Folder with timeline figures will be made.

Australian History

Portions of Australian history are taught in all years through literature and poetry. Our Australian picture book study also includes aspects of Australia's cultural heritage including stories from Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders.

This year we focus on one famous Australian woman with our Mary MacKillop Lapbook. A visit to a significant historical site in your local area is also encouraged.

Foreign Language

Our history studies include the origins of languages and words from ancient times including the Phoenicians, hieroglyphics and Greek writing.

Civics and Citizenship

Historical patterns of governance and citizenship are seen through our ancient history studies.

Geography, Science & Nature

We study weather, Earth's assets and outdoor observance using guided conversations and nature study. Using a literature based unit study we examine some Australian picture books on these topics.

Science and geography use various measuring tools and websites to obtain relevant information.

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 practised during poetry recital and acting out of stories. An animated version of Dot and the Kangaroo is also viewed.

In your **Art and Music Appreciation Course** (provided when you purchased this course), you have a choice of rotations. Choose one rotation for your family. Some rotations have additional books to purchase.

Personal Health & Development

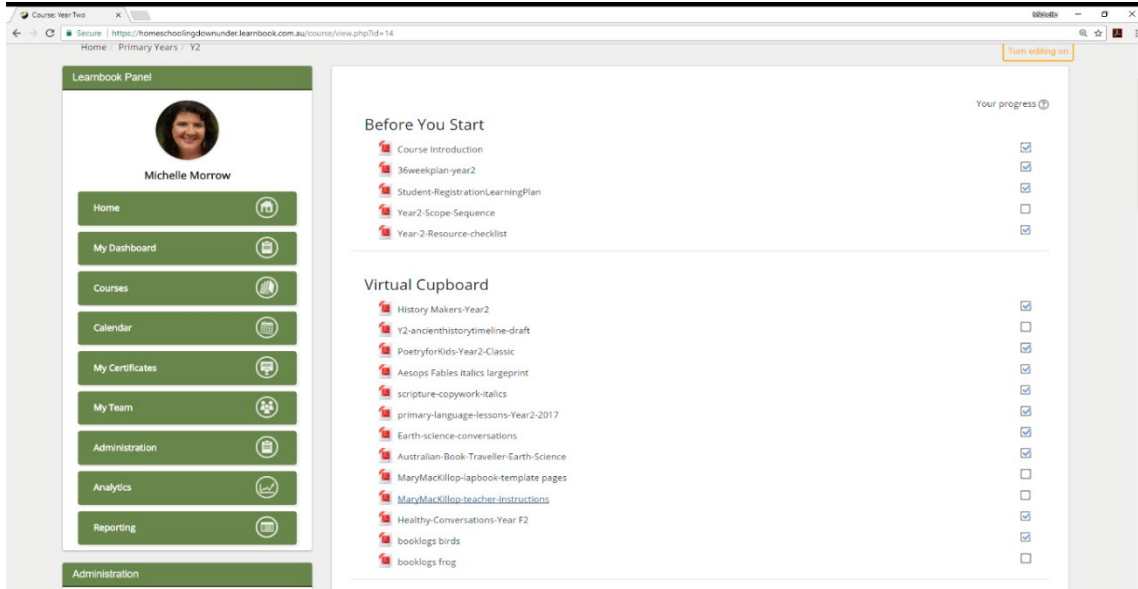
This commonsense subject is taught through the activities of daily living and participation in local sports and community events. Healthy Conversations checklists are provided for each stage of the syllabus so you can teach respectful relationships and personal growth as you deem appropriate.

Note: Whilst some Bible history has been studied in Year 2 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.

What's Included

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

- Year Two Course Introduction



- Year Two Guide: 36 weeks of lesson plans.
- Registration Pack: Yearly plan with scope and sequence.
- Term Reports
- Primary Language Lessons Year 2
- Aesop's Fables Copywork – Foundation Font
- Scripture Copywork—Foundation Font
- Mary MacKillop Lapbook
- Earth Science Picture Book Literature Studies
- Earth Science Conversations Lessons
- Ancient History Makers Lessons
- History Timeline Figures with Ancient History Folder Instructions
- Year 2 Classic Poems Collection
- Healthy Conversations Foundation to Year 2
- Book Log: Birds or Frogs

Additional Books and Resources

These items are not provided but are needed for the course. It is estimated these will cost less than \$200. A few of these resources are available as free online versions - as indicated with an asterisk (*). Most of the Australian picture books will also be found at a local library.

- *Own choice math curriculum
- [Child's History of the World by Hillyer](#) (also used Year 3 – 4)
- [*Dot and the Kangaroo by Ethel Pedley](#)
- [Tirzah by Lucile Travis](#)
- [Pyramids by David Macaulay](#)
- *Greek Tales (there are many versions to be found at a library).

Science and Art Picture Books (Most of the Australian picture books will also be found at a local library.)

- [Walking with the Seasons in Kakadu by Diane Lucas](#) (also used in Year 4)
- [*Big Rain Coming by Katrina Germein](#)
- [*All through the Year by Jane Goodwin](#)
- [My Farm by Alison Lester](#)
- [*Flood by Jackie French](#)
- [Fire by Jackie French](#)
- [*Isabella's Garden by Glenda Millard](#) (Used in K/Foundation)
- [Optional: The Wonderland of Nature](#) by Nuri Mass. This is used as a reference in Earth Science Conversations and is only available for purchase by members. (Used Years 1 & 3)
- Stationery supplies.

Sample - Week One:

Family Time, Oral Narrations and Read Alouds

- ❖ Own Choice scripture and family devotional
- ❖ Read A Book for Kids: [Charming Gentleman](#), [The Baker](#) (EP)
- ❖ Novel: [Dot and the Kangaroo: Chapter 1](#) (MB)
- ❖ [Ancient History Makers: Lesson 1: Creation](#) - Genesis 1:1–2:4a. or [Setting the Stage](#).
- ❖ [Composer Study](#) (AM)
- ❖ [Picture Study Rotation](#) (AM)

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ [Primary Language Lessons 2 – Week 1](#). Then follow corresponding week (EP)
- ❖ Handwriting: [Aesop's Fables p. 6-8](#) or [Scripture Copywork 2 per week](#) (EP)
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum (\$)
- ❖ Earth Science Conversations: [Weather Lesson 1](#)
- ❖ Own Reader (\$)

Map Work and Notebooking Activities

- ❖ Timeline Folder: [Creation Timeline Figure](#) (EP)
- ❖ Draw an imaginary map of the Garden of Eden

Enrichment Activities

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| ❖ Additional Reading | ❖ Music Lesson Practice |
| ❖ Free Reading /library visit | ❖ Listen to term composer |
| ❖ Nature Walk | ❖ Handicrafts |
| ❖ Sports Activity | ❖ Foreign Language (Optional) |

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