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Course Outline

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Course Outline Introduction

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 3. Typically, a child in Year 3 is around 8 or 9.

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 3 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. 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 they can go straight to the place we recommend.

Whilst we are utilizing this platform for learning, many of our lessons require reading from a real book or a paper-based resource. Our notebooking activities use pen and paper (some could be done digitally if preferred). 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!

Course Structure

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 3.

Documentation - Before You Start Section of Your Course

In your My Homeschool course there are a few documents that we have provided:

Course Introduction – is an orientation and explanation of how things work in our My Homeschool Year Three Course. It gives you an overview of the course, discusses where to look for things and what to do in order to get your student up and running.

The Weekly Planner - is a summary of all the activities for the week provided in a timetable format. Resource lesson guides give specific instructions with more details.

Year Three Scope and Sequence - matches our curriculum to the Australian Curriculum and the NSW (NESA) syllabus. You may never need to look at this, but it is there if you need it - for your homeschool registration application, or if you just want a little reassurance that we really have ticked all the curriculum boxes.

Yearly Plan Template - We have written up a Microsoft Word template plan that you can submit for registration. However, you will need to individualise this and make it your own.

Term Reports Template – These are available as a Microsoft Word template. You just need to enter in the details of what you actually completed. These are to be put in your portfolios and used as an assessment of progress when reapplying for homeschool registration. They shouldn't take much time to complete and we prompt you to fill them in on the last week of each term.

Subject Overview

English

Living books are the core of our curriculum. Our read aloud novels are all highly acclaimed and include Alice in Wonderland, The Bronze Bow and Viking Tales. Our Australian literature includes the delightful poetry collection Tales and Tarradiddles.

Primary Language Lessons is our main English resource. Literature lessons cover picture study, poetry, a variety of writing texts and styles. Spelling, grammar and punctuation are taught using sentences and Dolch word lists. Short dictation lessons are introduced for spelling practice.

The classic poetry of Robert Louis Stevenson and Mother Goose are used for copywork and handwriting practice. Cursive handwriting is introduced half way through the year.

Comprehension lessons are done using narration and discussion from stories, science and history readers. Children are encouraged to explain what they are seeing as writing preparation.

In Year 3 children's reading skill development is very individual. Reading together may still be required.

Math:

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

Civics and Citizenship

Historical patterns of governance and citizenship are seen through our history studies of the Roman Empire and the early Church.

Foreign Language

The influence of history on languages is seen with Latin, French, Celtic and Old English. Our geography lessons include the study of other countries. Additional language lessons can be centered around this period if desired.

Geography, Science & Nature

Our geography lessons give an overview of physical geography. They exceed the expectations of the Australian Curriculum but they will give your child a good overview of physical geography. They discuss the foundational concepts of seasons, continents, hemispheres, time meridians, the compass coordinates, earth's climate, rotation of the earth, mapping and geographical divisions.

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

We study the living world using the delightful book *The Wonderland of Nature* (CBCA Highly Commended Award). This book's engaging narrative style is why it is a favourite amongst Australian Charlotte Mason homeschoolers. It is a secular science book that was written by a woman who was passionate about nature and the wonder of it. Nuri Mass believed in the theory of evolution and there are scant references made to this throughout the book. It is very easy to leave out the evolutionary references, if desired, as they are only a scant. This book is also used as the springboard for our year's nature journaling project.

We've also included a few Physics and Chemistry videos to be watched over the year. These might be a good back up for those days when nothing else seems to get done. These can be found in your [Chemistry and Science Links Moodle Book](#).

Creative Arts

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

We include an Aboriginal series on art and Bush Medicine. It includes nature drawing, painting, mixing colours and collage.

Other opportunities are provided with a range of visual arts such as painting, drawing, craft, pottery, stamping, paper cutting/folding, computer arts (paintbrush, greeting cards etc.).

Dramatic presentations are practised during poetry recital and acting out of stories.

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.

Information & Technology

Technology is taught in all subjects.

Different software is used in all subjects. i.e. Duo Lingo and Math Online

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

Digital books are used as a resource in most subjects.

Personal Health & Development

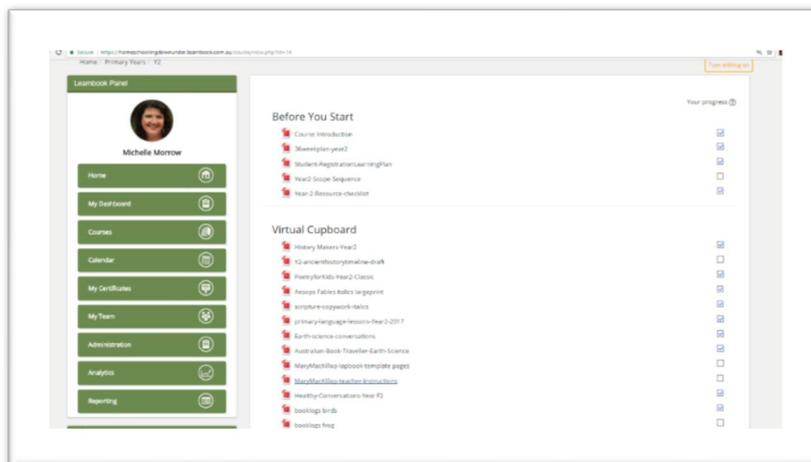
This commonsense subject is taught through the activities of daily living and participation in local sports and community events. *A Healthy Conversations* checklist is provided so you can teach respectful relationships and personal growth as you deem appropriate.

Note: Whilst some Bible history has been studied in Year 3 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

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

- Year Three Course Introduction
- Year Three Guide: 36 weeks of lesson plans
- Yearly plan with scope and sequence
- Term reports
- Primary Language Lessons Year 3
- Garden Verse Copywork – Foundation Font Print
- Blinky Bill Alphabet Copywork—Foundation Font First Cursive
- Mother Goose Copywork—Foundation Font First Cursive
- Tales and Tarradiddles by the Perfessor and Alter Ego
- Charlotte Mason's Elementary Geography: A Contemporary Guide
- The Wonderland of Nature Journal
- Alexander and the Jews Moodle Book
- Chemistry and Physics Video Moodle Book
- Times of Christ History Lessons
- Middle Ages History Timeline Figures with History Folder Instructions
- Healthy Conversations Year 3 & 4
- Book Log: Birds or Frogs



Screenshot from My Homeschool Course Files

Additional Books and Resources

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

- Own choice math curriculum
- The Wonderland of Nature by Nuri Mass. This book is currently only available to purchase via the [My Homeschool Moodle Site](#).
- [Child's History of the World by Hillyer](#) (also used Year 2 – 4)
- [World Atlas](#) (Used 2 – 6)
- *[Alice in Wonderland by Lewis Carol](#) (Often found at libraries)
- [The Bronze Bow by Elizabeth George Speare](#)
- [Castle by David Macaulay](#)
- *[Viking Tales by Jennie Hall](#)
- [The Word Spy by Ursula Dubosarsky](#) (Often found at libraries)
- Stationary supplies.

Suggestions are also given for free reading.

Sample Weeks - Week One

To receive a [Week One timetable with sample lessons sign up here.](#)

Family Time, Oral Narrations and Read Alouds

- ❖ Own Choice scripture and family devotional
- ❖ Tails and Tarradiddles: Explanation and The Crakes
- ❖ Novel: Alice in Wonderland Chapter 1
- ❖ History: Alexander the Jews – Chapter 1
- ❖ Elementary Geography Companion Guide: Lesson 1 & 2
- ❖ Wonderland of Nature p. 5 – 9
- ❖ Composer Study (AM)
- ❖ Picture Study rotation (AM)
- ❖ Bush Art Lesson 1

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ Primary Language Lessons 3 – Week 1 (EP)
- ❖ Handwriting: Garden Verse Copywork – p. 5 to 7
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum (\$)
- ❖ Own reader (\$)

Map Work and Notebooking Activities

- ❖ Wonderland of Nature Journal: Insects & Life Cycles (EP)
- ❖ History Timeline Folder - Alexander the Great (356 -325 BC)

Enrichment Activities

- ❖ Classic Read Aloud
- ❖ Free Reading /library visit
- ❖ Nature Walk
- ❖ Sports Activity
- ❖ Music Lesson Practice
- ❖ Listen to term composer
- ❖ Handicrafts
- ❖ Foreign Language Study

Sample Week - Week Nineteen

Family Time, Oral Narrations and Read Alouds

- ❖ Own Choice scripture and family devotional
- ❖ Tails and Tarradiddles: Read Poem: – The Leatherhead
- ❖ Novel: The Bronze Bow Chapters 17 & 18
- ❖ History Narration: Child's History of the World Chapter 36
- ❖ Elementary Geography Companion Guide: Lesson 23 & Questions p.58
- ❖ Science Narration: Wonderland of Nature p. 118 - 121
- ❖ Composer Study _____
- ❖ Picture Study _____

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ Primary Language Lessons 3 – Week 19
- ❖ Handwriting: First Cursive: Blinky Bill Alphabet Copybook: A—B—C
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum _____
- ❖ Own reader

Map Work and Notebooking Activities

- ❖ Wonderland of Nature Journal: Frogs
- ❖ History Timeline Folder

Enrichment Activities

- ❖ Classic Read Aloud
- ❖ Free Reading /library visit
- ❖ Nature Walk
- ❖ Sports Activity
- ❖ Music Lesson Practice
- ❖ Listen to term composer
- ❖ Handicraft
- ❖ Foreign Language Study