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Course Outline

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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 6. Typically, a child in Year 6 is around 11 or 12.

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 6 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!

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 some tests in science.

Planning For Independence

In Year 6 we start increasing the amount of independent work your child is expected to complete in a week. We have planned a 4 – 5 day week. We'll give you some scheduling tips with your weekly planner. Your virtual cupboard also has a 4 day timetable sample of week one.

Course Subjects

English

Living books are the core of our curriculum. Our read aloud novels are all highly acclaimed novels and biographies. They include: *Animal Farm* by George Orwell, *The Lion the Witch and the Wardrobe* by CS Lewis, *Sally's Story* by Sally Morgan and *The Happiest Refugee* by Anh Do.

Our read alone novels follow world history events and focus on ideologies and world events. They include stories of heroes and heroines who overcome the odds in very difficult circumstances. At the end of each term your child will complete a written narration/summary on these books.

For a little variety we are using a collection of classic poems from Australia and around the world.

We've also included a number of short stories: *The Gallant Gums* by Amy Mack and Shakespeare's *King Lear*.

Primary Language Lessons is our main English resource. Literature lessons cover picture study, poetry, a variety of writing texts and styles.

Dictations are from Australian classic literature. For copywork we have chosen the Latin Vulgate version of Genesis 31. This will cover your foreign language component and will encourage more handwriting practice. We suggest using a calligraphy pen to make it more fun. (We've got some calligraphy models for you to follow).

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.

Written narrations are increased and your child will be notebooking from their geography, history and science resources.

Math:

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

History, Civics and Citizenship

World History

Modern history is given a brief run through. We will be using *Story of the World* by Susan Wise Bauer. You can use either the print or audio version. Oral narrations and a *Book of Centuries* are used to record events.

Historical novels include the themes of human rights, apartheid, nazism, communism and the Taliban.

Australian History

Year 6 includes an overview of Australia's democracy and a biographical look at the prime ministers' of Australia, a Vietnamese refugee, and an aboriginal girl growing up in the 1960s.

We will start our first *Book of Centuries* which is a timeline notebook that can be kept for the next few years.

Foreign Language

Some Latin is taught in Year 6. More tips on studying a language are given in the Weekly Planner.

Geography, Science & Nature

Geography includes an overview of Australia's geography. Our main text gives an overview of:

- Australia as states and territories and Australia's major natural and human features
- Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islanders' ideas of country and place
- environmental factors that have influenced Australia as a place
- similarities and differences of people living in different places in Australia
- identifies the main climate types found in Australia
- geographical data on maps including borders, legend, scale and north point

We give you a few science textbook options to choose. These are American resources written from a Christian worldview that incorporate up-to-date science but give a young earth creationist response when evolution is discussed.

If you are teaching multiple children these titles will also work well across the ages. You may need to read these books with your child or if they are confident readers, they may be able to do them on their own.

- [Exploring Creation Series](#): These books are more Charlotte Mason in style. Choose one that you haven't done. [Exploring Creation with Chemistry and Physics. Is a good one to do if you haven't done it.](#) However, Astronomy is covered in year 7 and human anatomy is covered in year 8.

Science Notebook

After each science reading, your child will make a **Science Notebooking Page** entry and write up what they have learnt in their notebook.

If you are looking for a [secular science curriculum read this.](#)

Creative Arts

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

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: 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.

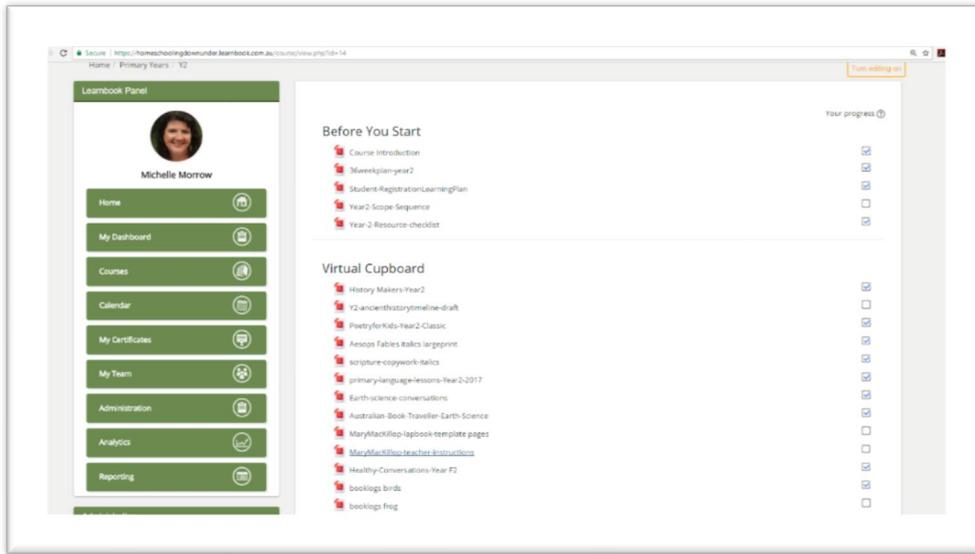
Exams and Tests

Our tests are focussed on the idea of testing what your child knows rather than working out what they don't. We have a number of tests this year.

They include:

- End of term written book narrations
- Four Geography Exams - Charlotte Mason Style
- Science Tests
- Australian Politics Quiz
- Note: Tests may also be required in your chosen maths resource.

What's Included



Screenshot from My Homeschool Course Files

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

- Year Six Course Introduction
- Year Six Guide: 36 weeks of lesson plans
- Yearly plan with scope and sequence
- Term reports
- Primary Language Lessons Year 6
- Latin Copywork
- Downunder Dictation
- Discover Downunder - Australian Geography for Kids & Exams
- Australian Geography Notebook
- PM Notebook and Politics Quiz
- Book of Centuries guide
- Assorted video links in various subjects.
- Healthy Conversations Year 5 & 6
- [Animal Farm](#) by George Orwell (Free online version available)
- 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 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
- [Australia Map](#)
- [Prime Ministers of Australia by Jill Bruce](#)
- [Exploring Creation Series \(choose one\)](#)
- [Story of the World Volume 4: Modern Age](#) (audio or print version)
- [The Random House Book of Poetry for Children*](#) (or *another poetry anthology for children)
- [*The Lion the Witch and The Wardrobe by CS Lewis](#)
- [*Sally's Story: My Place for younger readers.](#)
- [*The Happiest Refugee by Ahn Do](#)
- [Number the Stars by Lois Lowry](#) or [The Silver Sword by Ian Serraillier](#)
- [Breaking Starlin's Nose by Eugene Yelchin](#)
- [Journey to Jo'burg by Beverly Naidoo \(Apartheid\)](#)
- [*The Breadwinner by Deborah Ellis \(Tailban 1990s\)](#)
- Stationery supplies.

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
- ❖ The Random House Book of Poetry for Children
- ❖ Novel: [Animal Farm](#) Chapter 1
- ❖ History & Narration: Story of the World: Chapter 1 – 2
- ❖ Composer Study
- ❖ Picture Study rotation

On Your Own Subjects

- ❖ Primary Language Lessons 6 – Week 1 (EP)
- ❖ Science Textbook – 2 lessons per week
- ❖ Latin Copywork - Lesson 1
- ❖ Downunder Dictation Lesson 1
- ❖ Own Choice Math Curriculum
- ❖ Discover Downunder – Australian Geography

[Democracy](#)

[The Australian Way](#)

[Colonies & Laws](#)

[Law Making](#)

Map Work and Notebooking Activities

- ❖ Science Notebook
- ❖ Australian Geography Note Book – Australian Geography
- ❖ Book of Century Dates (end of week)

Enrichment Activities

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