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# Beverley Paine, The Educating Parent



I first came across the idea of home education and we began seriously considering it in 1984 while our eldest was at kindergarten. Home educating our children was a wonderful privilege and I'm grateful for the incredible learning opportunities we experienced along the way.

Although our children are now adults, I continue to be an active support person and advocate for home education across Australia. I love to share my thoughts and experiences with others and to encourage them to 'have a go' and enjoy learning alongside their children.

Now that I'm a grandparent, and my children are beginning their home educating adventures with their families, I'm keener than ever to continue to reassure parents that it is a viable and successful alternative educational pathway for their children.

Stay in touch with me through my website <http://theeducatingparent.com>.

## *Beverley Paine*

## *April Jermey*

I took over the reins of Always Learning Books from my mum, Beverley, in 2011.

A part-time work-from-home mum of three, I 'officially' began home educating our eldest child in June 2016, although, like my mum, I believe education is a life-long continuous process which begins at birth. As a child I enjoyed a mix of educational experiences at home and at school, completing high school in 1999.

I support the right of families to choose the education that best meets the needs of their children.

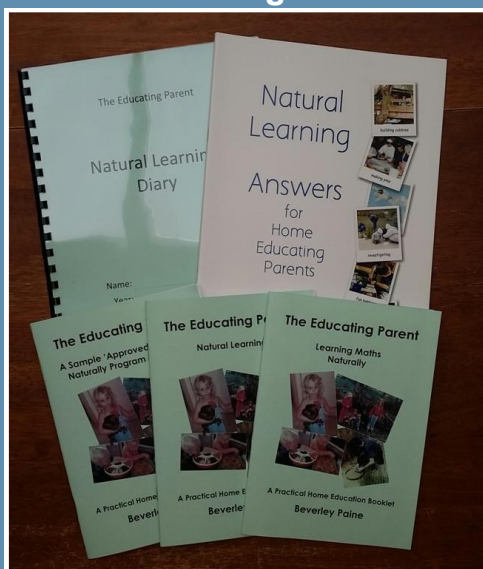


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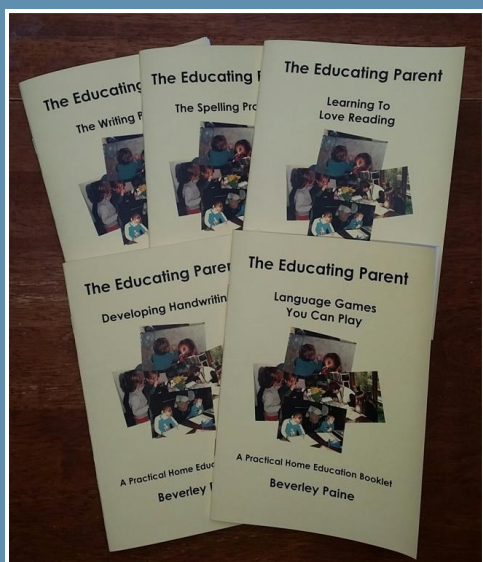




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# Home Education Defined

Inspired by overseas homeschooling books and magazines published since the 1960s families such as ours decided to live without school and teach their children from home. Over the last couple of decades the internet has helped to spread the word and the number of home educating Australian families has grown considerably, with an estimated 50,000 children receiving their education in this way. The reasons given for choosing home education are as diverse as the individual families. Parents often revise and add to their original reasons for home educating as the social, developmental and academic benefits accumulate over the years.

Home educating parents want to experience greater control over the direction and content of their children's education. It is only in recent human history that parents have handed the responsibility of their children's education to others. Home educating parents discover that helping their children learn is a joyous, although at times challenging, task that brings rewards beyond academic education. Learning together as a family builds a wonderful sense of community: this is the foundation for the development of responsible citizenship and healthy, happy and cooperative societies.

The nature of home education allows for incredible flexibility and diversity: parents are able to teach their children to suit their family's values and beliefs; use resources and materials to suit their individual children's learning needs and styles; and to explore and experiment with many different approaches to education. Families are able to evolve their own educational philosophies to suit their own particular circumstances and needs. Home education is a legal alternative to school education across Australia and support networks exist in all regions, providing information and sharing experiences among home educating families.





# Homeschool or Unschool?

I was introduced to the idea of learning without school as 'homeschooling'. As the concept took hold across Australia many of us adopted the term 'home education' as we felt the word 'school' narrowed people's understanding of what we were doing with our children. Education is a broader concept than school and we found that the authorities that regulate and approve of what we do took the concept of 'school' within the word 'homeschool' too literally. It is difficult and not necessarily desirable to replicate school within the home and most of us don't.

Back in the 1980s when we started most people confused homeschooling with correspondence school (now referred to as distance education). In recent years the term unschooling, which describes a particular philosophical approach to the education of children, has been used by the media and is now being widely and interchangeably used with the term homeschooling. I personally prefer using the term home education, and describe us as 'educating parents', as information technology has made it possible to blur the distinction between distance and online education, and home educating students are accessing a much wider range of resources, including part-time enrolment in schools and colleges.

However, I'll take a moment to define the various terms as it can be helpful, especially when we are joining local and online support groups.

**Home education** is taking responsibility for and control of your children's education personally instead of delegating it to a school or teacher. You select from a huge range of pedagogical approaches and learning materials and resources. Unschooling may be one of these.

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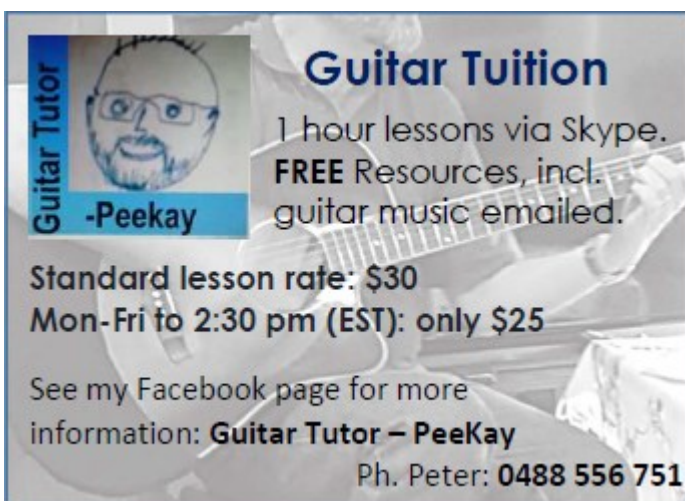
general outline of the national curriculum or state syllabus, teaching children in much the same way, and following the scope and sequence within the curriculum, as school teachers do. They structure their children's day to accommodate discrete lessons or activities covering specific content within each subject. However, most homeschooled students are much more involved in the selection of content and activities and have a greater say in the direction and approach to education than their schooled peers.

**Unschooling** goes further than homeschooling: it is a rejection of the traditional reasons for schooling children as well as the methods used to educate them; that is, segmenting learning into chunks and covering it according to a set timetable as though children are passive receivers of knowledge and skills. Unschooling is respecting children and young people as individual and capable learners. It is trusting in their innate natural learning ability. Instead of teaching children what we think they ought to know because someone else says they should, we help them learn what they need to learn in order to grow and develop. It's much more than an approach to the education of children, it's a way of life.

**Natural or life learning** is simply celebrating the fact that everyone learns all the time and that by reflecting on the processes by which we learn we can become more focused in meeting our learning needs efficiently, achieving our goals and purposes in our own way and time.

**Deschooling** is the gradual questioning and challenging of the conditioned responses and beliefs we have about the nature and purpose of education. It begins with our first explorations into the nature of home education and usually continues over the years as we slowly build confidence in our home educating practice.

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with your role as an educating parent so that you can fully enjoy learning at home with your children no matter what approach to education you adopt. As educating parents we all find that the what, how and why of what we're doing constantly evolves as it meets the changing needs of our growing children and our family circumstances.





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# A Quick Guide to Getting Started

Beginning with the assumption that, having considered your reasons and options carefully, you have decided to take full responsibility for your children's education, my aim is to lead you through the steps necessary to successfully begin and continue your home educating adventure.

Through the information in this Resource Directory, together with the more thorough and detailed step by step manual to planning, creating and implementing your own personalised learning programs, *Getting Started with Home Schooling Practical Considerations*, I hope to help you feel more confident about your ability to provide your children with an excellent education, tailored to their unique and individual learning needs. Rather than add to the myriad of curriculum resources available for home educated children to use, my aim is to help demystify the learning and teaching process and to remind parents of their natural ability to help their children learn. I am continually adding to my range of ebooks and encourage you to visit [www.theeducatingparent.com](http://www.theeducatingparent.com) and [www.alwayslearningbooks.com.au](http://www.alwayslearningbooks.com.au) regularly to see what's new.

On my website you will find hundreds of articles I have written over the past three decades to encourage and support parents to educate their children. We officially started home educating our eldest in early 1986, using a school-at-home approach, basing it on her kindergarten experiences and what we remembered from our own school life. We'd actually been educating her in a hands-on way since her birth six years before. Very slowly, influenced by the writing of John Holt, Raymond Moore and Alfie Kohn, we relaxed into an unschooling, natural learning lifestyle.

Even though I am not qualified as a teacher, my confidence as an educator is derived from approaching the education of my children as a teacher would: I conscientiously planned, recorded and evaluated their educational programs. As a learner I value the tools of observation, reflection and goal setting. These stood me in good stead and I know they will be of immeasurable value to you as you educate your children.

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and sit your child down and say “you are now a homeschooler, learn”. It is a different thing to be an effective educator, meeting and responding to your child's unique learning styles and needs. As a home educator you need to be there with your child, observing how she learns, what she already knows, what she needs to know next, helping her to make sense of and understand the world about her. It doesn't take long to mark your child's progress with tests but if you want educational success you are better off helping her understand the ups and downs of the learning process, how learning happens, and how she can help it happen more effectively.

We can be passive home educators or we can be active learners, learning alongside our children, enjoying every minute of their educational journeys. The Educating Parent website is dedicated to helping you become the latter. I want you to be a ‘hands on’ parent because doing that has brought me incredible joy and resulted in the most amazing close friendships with my now adult children.

As parents Robin and I are not exceptional people: we don't have tertiary education qualifications and our work experience is limited to clerical and retail. What probably sets us apart is our ‘do-it-yourself’ attitude which helped to develop a vast range of different skills in many areas of life. We describe ourselves as active learners who look forward to what each new day brings. Self-reliance and self-





confidence were high on our list of priorities for our children as young parents. Home educating hasn't always been easy but it has always been rewarding. We are richer in many ways because we trod this path.

When we started out on our home educating journey we were not perfect parents: far from it! How we parented and educated our children looked very different in those early years to how it looked a decade down this path, and how we interact with our grandchildren now. We have learned an enormous amount along the way. Some lessons were learned by observing how our children and other children learn. We listened carefully when people have shared their stories with us and learned from their lessons too. As far as possible we continually adapted what we were doing in the light of new understanding and knowledge. And that is the nature of home education: flexible and adaptable!

Home education offers parents the opportunity to give their children a high quality education that is responsive to the child, parent, family and community. It is an education option that is truly accountable. You get out of it what you put into it: the



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more attention, time and energy you invest into planning, recording and evaluating your home educating experience the greater the reward and sense of satisfaction you will achieve.

## Getting Ready to Home Educate

Before you worry about how to legally register as a home educating family there are a few things you need to consider. You will notice many links to articles on my website below: bookmark them to read later.

Are you cut out to be a home educating parent? Do you really want to do it or have you been left with no choice? Our reasons for home educating our children vary greatly: while some of us are drawn naturally to being this involved in our children's education, some of us are thrust into this role unexpectedly, fraught from having to deal with the continued failure of the school system to help our children learn or look after their welfare appropriately. Although the benefits are many, commitment is important.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/areyouready.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/benefits.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/page1.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/reasons.html>

Are your children happy with the idea? Spend some time sitting around the table talking about what it will mean for your family, and what learning at home will and can look like. Think of possible disadvantages and how you can overcome them. There is a lot to consider and your discussions will form the foundation of your home educating philosophy and lifestyle.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/page3.html>
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Although the benefits are many, commitment is important. Getting approval isn't the hurdle it used to be but it does require some thinking and work. Expect to spend a few weeks researching different resources and approaches you can use while putting together your learning plan for your children.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/legalstuff.htm>

Homeschooling and unschooling are fundamentally different to schooling. School is classroom oriented whereas home education is family and community oriented. Getting out and about is an important aspect of our educational lives. Your children know the difference between parenting and teaching. You'll save yourself time, money and energy to spend a few moments thinking about what kind of education you want for your children. It isn't about how many hours of instruction you provide each day, it is about being able to offer quality individualised learning programs tailored to your children's unique learning needs.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/worldisyourclassroom.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/howmanyhoursaday.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/schedulestimetables.html>

You will need to design your own learning plans, loosely based around the National Curriculum as used by your state or territory education system. Home educators are on their own, no funding or resources are provided by the state. Writing your own learning plan isn't difficult once you've determined what the children need to learn. Begin by developing your own personal philosophy or mission statement about education. You are free to use any of the many different approaches and methods



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adopted by home educating families. If you need help, my book *Getting Started with Home Schooling Practical Considerations*, available from Always Learning Books, is a comprehensive manual and takes you through the process of creating your own learning plans.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/preparingmissionstatement.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/writinglearningplans.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/samplelearningprogram.html>

After mapping out a rough plan, finding appropriate resources to help your children learn is the next exciting step! It will take time to find the 'right' way for you and your family: there is no right or wrong way to home educate your children. The first couple of years will include lots of experimenting with different methods and materials: all families go through this 'settling in' stage. Eventually you and your child will work out which resources and approaches are most responsive to his or her learning needs.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/choosinghcurriculum.html>
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- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/writeowncurriculum.html>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/requiredcurriculum.html>

You don't need to turn one room into a classroom or your home into a mini-school to prepare the learning environment for your home educating children. Usually families provide each child with a personal desk, although most learning will occur in the main living areas of the home, basically wherever you spend most of your time.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/articles/locatingresources.html>
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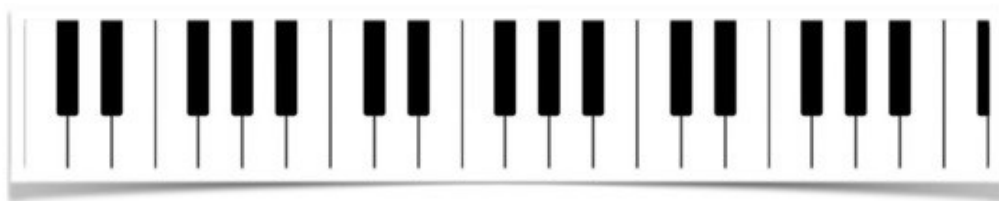
The information on my website has been accumulated over nearly three decades of experience as well as from my ongoing interest in how children learn and how others help them learn through my online Facebook and Yahoo support groups:

- <https://www.facebook.com/groups/TheEducatingParents>
- <https://groups.yahoo.com/neo/groups/TheEducatingParentsHomeschoolingandUnschooling/info>

It helps enormously when completing your application to home educate to find a local contact person or support group for information and help. Families work together to form supportive networks in both metropolitan and country areas which cater to the educational and social needs of their members. This Resource Directory includes a comprehensive list of online support groups for each state, including organisations, groups and newsletters.

If you can, go to group gatherings and on organised excursions. Talk to people. Ask about their experiences, how they home educate, and what they had to do to get approval. Everyone experiences these things differently so it is useful to talk to as many families as you can. Subscribe to newsletters and magazines that you come across, many are free. Don't be shy: ask questions. People have 'been there and done that' before you and can help.

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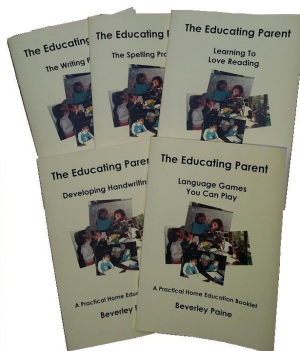
Home education is recognised as a legal alternative to school based education in all states and territories within Australia.

It is important to note that education, not schooling, is compulsory:

"That every child has a right to an education is recognised in international instruments such as the United Nations Universal Declaration on Human Rights (UDHR) (1948) and the Convention on the Rights of the Child (CROC) (1990) to which Australia is a signatory. The UDHR provides that 'education shall be free, at least in the elementary and fundamental stages' [and] that 'elementary education shall be compulsory...'; and that 'parents have a prior right to choose the kind of education that shall be given their children' (Article 26(3)). CROC also provides that 'states parties shall take all appropriate measures to ensure that the child is protected against all forms of discrimination or punishment on the basis of the status, activities, expressed opinions, or beliefs of the child's parents, legal guardians, or family members.' (CROC, Article 2(2))."

Source: Glenda Jackson, Sonia Allan, *International Journal of Elementary Education* 20, Vol 2, Issue 3 (July 2010)

Not all home educating families agree with the way state educational authorities interpret the laws and regulations regarding education. Some families believe that the conditions imposed on them by bureaucracy are fair and reasonable, but others argue they are unnecessary and intrusive, have no basis in law, infringe on human and parenting rights, and are discriminatory and inequitable. You will need to think carefully about your own values and become clear in your own mind about your role and the role of the educational authority administering your state's legislation and regulations. In the final analysis, whatever you chose to do will have to sit



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comfortably within your family beliefs, lifestyle and conscience. Robin and I found the process of investigating the legal ramifications of home education an empowering one. Once we knew and understood our rights (as we interpreted them) we felt more confident about our choice, and that helped us defend it to people who questioned our decision.

There are penalties for not complying with the law and these penalties are detailed in the state and territory Education Acts. What normally happens when it is determined that a child is neither enrolled at school or registered as a home educating student, the family are required to comply, either by enrolling the child in a school or completing the application process to register as a home educating student. Families may be threatened with court action at the outset to intimidate them into complying. However, many families have applied successfully without penalties being applied after years of home educating their children without registration. It is unusual for court action to occur on the basis of education provision alone, and where it has arisen it is usually because one parent has not consented to the home education of the child. In most states the signatures of both natural parents are required for home education registration. This is currently being challenged by home educators adversely affected by it, especially in situations where it places the children at risk.

Before you start preparing your application to register join a local or state support group and ask people to share their experiences with you. Legislation and regulations differ from state to state and local up-to-date knowledge is especially important in helping you successfully complete your application. Reading the

Education Act and any information you receive about registering thoroughly is critical as ultimately you are responsible for any decisions and actions you take. If you are unsure of any of the legal aspects of the home education registration process seek help and advice from legal aid or a lawyer. Many families have done this, and in some situations it has truncated unnecessary interference, and provided families with the confidence and information they need to educate their children in the way that they want. In some instances, such as in South Australia, home education is not specifically mentioned in the Education Act and it is important to read the whole section of the Act dealing with enrolment and school attendance.

Some regulatory bodies have a vested interest in retaining your child's enrolment at school, and usually officers reviewing your situation have a limited understanding of the nature of home education. Understanding your rights and responsibilities will ensure you are not intimidated into giving up your goal of home educating your children. This may not be the intention of the authorising body, but it could easily become the result.

Generally speaking the home educating regulatory authorities need assurance that the children will receive a quality education aligned with the national curriculum or state syllabus, in an environment that adequately and appropriately meets the developmental, social and learning needs of the child. The education will need to be monitored and assessed and the registration will be provisional upon regular review, usually but not necessarily annually. The process is variously known as

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‘registration’, ‘dispensation’, and ‘obtaining exemption from attending school’.

The type of information sought by the authorities varies considerably, but the focus should always be on the quality of the proposed learning plan and environment. You may need to be firm and assert that it is the learning plan that is under consideration, not the child's current educational abilities and understandings. As the home educator it is your responsibility to monitor the educational and developmental progress of your child not the office giving permission for you to home educate. Some authorities require more detail than others which is why it is important to seek local knowledge when applying.

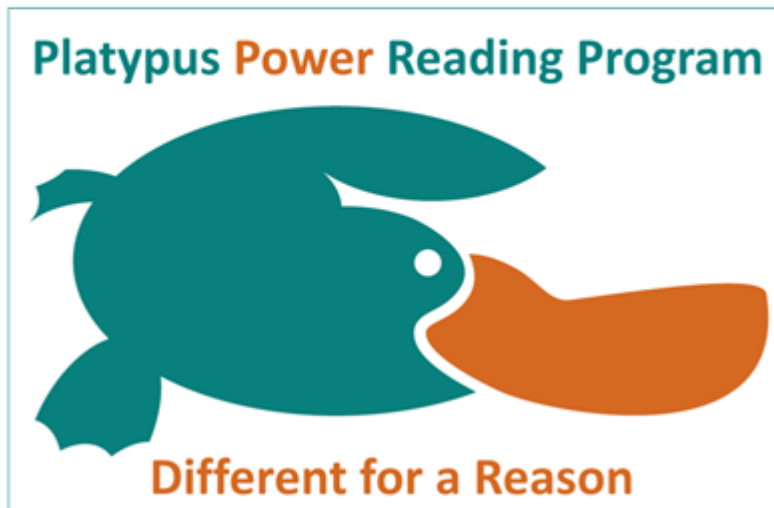
The following is a current list of links to the **state and territory regulatory authorities** and their relevant **Education Acts**.

- **Australian Capital Territory**

[http://www.det.act.gov.au/school\\_education/home\\_education](http://www.det.act.gov.au/school_education/home_education)

Education Act: [http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/act/consol\\_act/ea2004104/](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/act/consol_act/ea2004104/)

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- **New South Wales**

<http://educationstandards.nsw.edu.au/wps/portal/nesa/regulation/home-schooling/home-schooling-registration>

Education Act: [http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol\\_act/ea1990104/](http://www.austlii.edu.au/au/legis/nsw/consol_act/ea1990104/)

- **Northern Territory**

<https://nt.gov.au/learning/primary-and-secondary-students/home-schooling>

Education Act: <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Legislation/EDUCATION%20ACT>

Education Regulations: <https://legislation.nt.gov.au/en/Legislation/EDUCATION%20REGULATIONS>

- **Queensland**

<http://education.qld.gov.au/parents/home-education/>

Education Act: <https://www.legislation.qld.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/act-2006-039>

- **South Australia**

<https://www.sa.gov.au/topics/education-skills-and-learning/schools/alternative-schooling/home-education>

Education Act: <https://www.legislation.sa.gov.au/LZ/C/A/EDUCATION%20ACT%201972.aspx>

Education Regulations: <https://www.decd.sa.gov.au/department/policies/education-and-child-development-legislation>



- **Tasmania**

<https://oer.tas.gov.au/home-education/>

Education Act: [http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/tas/num\\_act/ea201651o2016150/](http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/tas/num_act/ea201651o2016150/)

Education Regulations: <https://www.legislation.tas.gov.au/view/html/inforce/current/sr-2017-042>

- **Victoria**

<http://www.vrqa.vic.gov.au/registration/Pages/homeschooldefault.aspx>

Education Training and Reform Act: [http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/vic/consol\\_act/etra2006273/](http://www8.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/vic/consol_act/etra2006273/)

- **Western Australia**

<http://www.det.wa.edu.au/homeeducation/detcms/portal/>

Education Act: [http://www9.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/wa/consol\\_act/sea1999170/](http://www9.austlii.edu.au/cgi-bin/viewdb/au/legis/wa/consol_act/sea1999170/)

At all times **read all paper work very carefully**, and never sign anything with which you are not entirely happy. Where possible state your case in your own writing, using your own words, rather than simply signing forms presented to you. Be careful not to sign away present or future rights to resources, assistance or help for your children as home educating students.

**Act like a professional educator:** officers processing your application will feel less inclined to treat you as just another parent. **Keep records of any communication**, filing in one place copies of emails and letters, together with detailed notes of any telephone conversations. Insist of written clarification of information sought during telephone calls. A ‘paper trail’ encourages everyone to remain accountable and respectful. When arranging home interviews ask for an outline of what will be discussed to be sent to you at least a week beforehand to enable you to prepare and have on hand what is required. Many families have found it useful to gain access to the reports written following interviews through the Freedom of Information Act: [http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Freedom\\_of\\_Information](http://www.ag.gov.au/www/agd/agd.nsf/Page/Freedom_of_Information). And remember it is prudent to keep all records until the child is past compulsory schooling age.

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During the interview it is okay to have a third person present, one who will not be affected by the outcome of decisions or recommendations made. You will need to inform the authority that a third person will be present to take notes and help you remember important points of the meeting.

It will help if you **start recording** your child's education. Keeping some kind of records of our children's learning helps to build confidence as home educators. Most of us keep a simple diary with dated entries marking the days our children do educational activities: this is the equivalent of a school roll book. Dated records are also legal evidence that your children are being appropriately educated. You don't need to wait until you are 'approved' to start keeping home education records, start now.

**Prepare a basic learning plan** for the year ahead, perhaps using dot points under the required subject areas. The National Curriculum list the following subjects:

- English
- Mathematics
- Science
- Health and Physical Education
- Humanities and Social Sciences: HASS (yrs F-6/7); History (yrs 7-10); Geography (yrs 7-10); Civics and Citizenship (yrs 7-10); Economics and Business (yrs 7-10)
- The Arts: Dance, Drama, Media Arts, Music, Visual Arts
- Technologies: Design and Technologies, Digital Technologies
- Languages

The National Curriculum is progressively being rolled out and incorporated or included in state syllabi: <http://www.australiancurriculum.edu.au/curriculum/overview>. It makes it easier for the authorities to assess your application if you use terminology with which they are familiar, but you can create your own list of subjects or describe your learning plan in any way you prefer. Many home educating parents do this and simply mention that they refer to the National Curriculum or state syllabus as a guide.

For each subject area, think about what your child will be developmentally and educationally ready to learn over the coming year and create some activities or unit studies around that, based on his or her level, ability and learning styles and needs. You might like to add a few well chosen student workbooks, textbooks or online learning programs and then list other resources (people, places, things) you may use.



Can you build some activities around personal or family interests? Most can be easily related to one or more curriculum subjects. Add them in too!

**Keep it simple, keep it basic!** There is no need to write reams: most of us go way overboard when we write our first home education learning plan. We worry about covering everything our child needs to learn, but it is like most things in life: as we travel along the path the detail becomes visible, we fill in the gaps, or switch focus or direction. To give you an idea of what is normally expected there is a list of **examples of approved learning plans** on The Educating Parent website:

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/sitemap.html#samplelearningprograms>


Don't forget to ask for advice and pointers during any interviews on where to find appropriate resources: remember that the officer interviewing you during the registration process has teaching experience and will have lots of ideas. Even if they don't view their job as such, see them as someone there to help you build an excellent education for your child, not as someone there to judge you, your child or your home.

And remember that **your home education program is only a plan**: it isn't set in concrete and is likely to have changed quite a bit by the end of your first month! The authorities understand this too. Your end of year report doesn't have to look anything like your initial plan. And that's true for families who have been home educating for years as well as beginners: life happens and we all take advantage of whatever educational opportunity or resources come our way throughout the year.

**Keeping records** of your children's learning and their progress should only take a few minutes several times a day. Try different approaches to keeping records until you find one that you are happy to use on a regular basis. My Home Education Diaries and Reports are available from Always Learning Books if you need a hand. Records make it easier to put together your review report and help you tweak your learning plan to better meet your child's learning needs.

Your home educating records belong to you and your children: never give away original documents or children's work. If samples are required photocopy and





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forward them later. When working through the review, simply write brief summaries of what the children have done during the year, and then a brief outline of the next year's plan.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/sitemap.html#evaluation>
- <http://theeducatingparent.com/sitemap.html#recording>

During the registration process **make it obvious you have support** from other home educators: leave home educating magazines and books on display and talk about your local and online support groups.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/sitemap.html#networks>

And most of all, don't stress too much. If your plan isn't approved, ask them to tell you what is missing so you can include activities and resources in those areas. Don't accept 'no' as an answer. Negotiate and seek to solve any problems that have arisen. Most states have an appeals process: ask how you can appeal the decision.

Focus is always placed on **socialisation and adequate provision for contact with peers**. It is a myth that home educated children are less socialised than school children. In most situations, home education broadens the children's social sphere by removing them from school. Social activities include regular interaction with people from all age groups. Families list cultural, religious, sport and personal interest social activities, as well as participation in home education group activities and camps. A photo album showing incidences of group interaction may help.

- <http://theeducatingparent.com/sitemap.html#socialisation>.

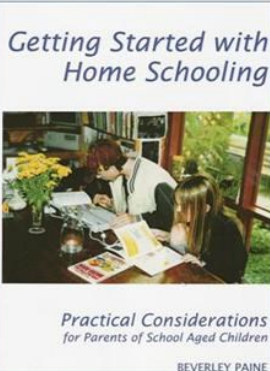


# Withdrawing your child from school

You may withdraw your child from school at any time however there are several things you will need to consider.

Private schools usually require payment of fees in advance and withdrawing may incur a financial penalty in addition to loss of any term fees already paid. Read the information on the school's website or the enrolment contract you originally signed. You can ask for a reimbursement of fees from a public school if you are withdrawing close to the beginning of the school year but it is not usual and may be refused as the money may have already been allocated to resources. Also consider if your child is receiving any special attention or classes through the school by third parties (such as speech pathologists). Your child may no longer be eligible to continue with the program and the provider may need to be notified separately.

Advise the school's principal by letter of your intention to home educate your child. Keep a copy and a record of when the letter was posted: send it by registered mail if




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you anticipate problems. If you use email request a reply acknowledging receipt of your email. In your communication inform the principal that you have applied to home educate your child and include the contact information of the regulatory authority. You do not need to state your reasons to the school other than to say you will be home educating the child.

Plan ahead if you can. Get your home education curriculum and learning materials and resources ready, prepare your home and set up any necessary record keeping regime. Many families typically choose the school holidays as a time to do this and then inform the school at the beginning of the next term.

Some schools are considerate and understanding, some offer resources and help, but most react with varying degrees of indifference or hostility. Being prepared for any outcome is useful. Talking to other home educating families about their experiences, especially those who live in your general area, may be very helpful.

Make a clean break: choose a date for your children to leave the school and work to have your application and letters received by the authority and principal before then. On the day collect any books and materials that belong to your child from his or her locker and classroom. Return all school property, library books, class sets, sports gear and so on. This is not the time to get into protracted conversations with teachers, staff and other parents about your decision. Record in your home educating diary or calendar that you commenced home educating on the day that your children were withdrawn from school.

Withdrawal from a public school may be followed by contact from the Education Department. If you receive a phone call reassure the caller that your children are being educated at home and ask them to set their concerns out in a letter. If you receive an unannounced visit, reassure them that you are educating your children



from home and ask for them to set out their concerns in writing. Only invite them into your home after the appropriate process to make a mutually agreed upon appointment has occurred and you are fully prepared.

The normal course of events is for families to seek information about home educating from the educational authority and home educating websites and support groups. Armed with the information required, the family prepares their application to register as a home educating family and then contacts the school to inform the school of their decision. In some states provisional registration is automatic, in other states the school principal can grant an exemption from attending school while the application for home education is being approved, and in other states it is expected the child will remain in school until registration is granted. In practice, most children are withdrawn from school before the application is finalised and approval given. In some instances where the children's health and well-being is at risk by staying at school parents usually approach their family doctor for a certificate covering the child's absence from school.

The information and advice in this section may seem onerous and, in places overbearing and unnecessary, but by following it closely you may avoid some of the hassles that a few home educating families in the past have endured. Diligence and preparation will pay dividends as you prepare to home educate. This approach will also bolster your confidence at this crucial time.

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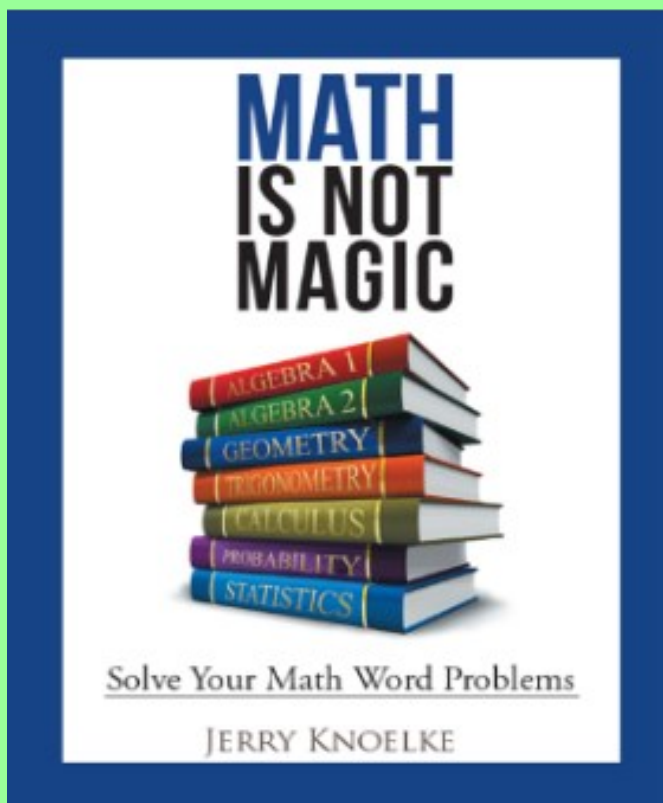
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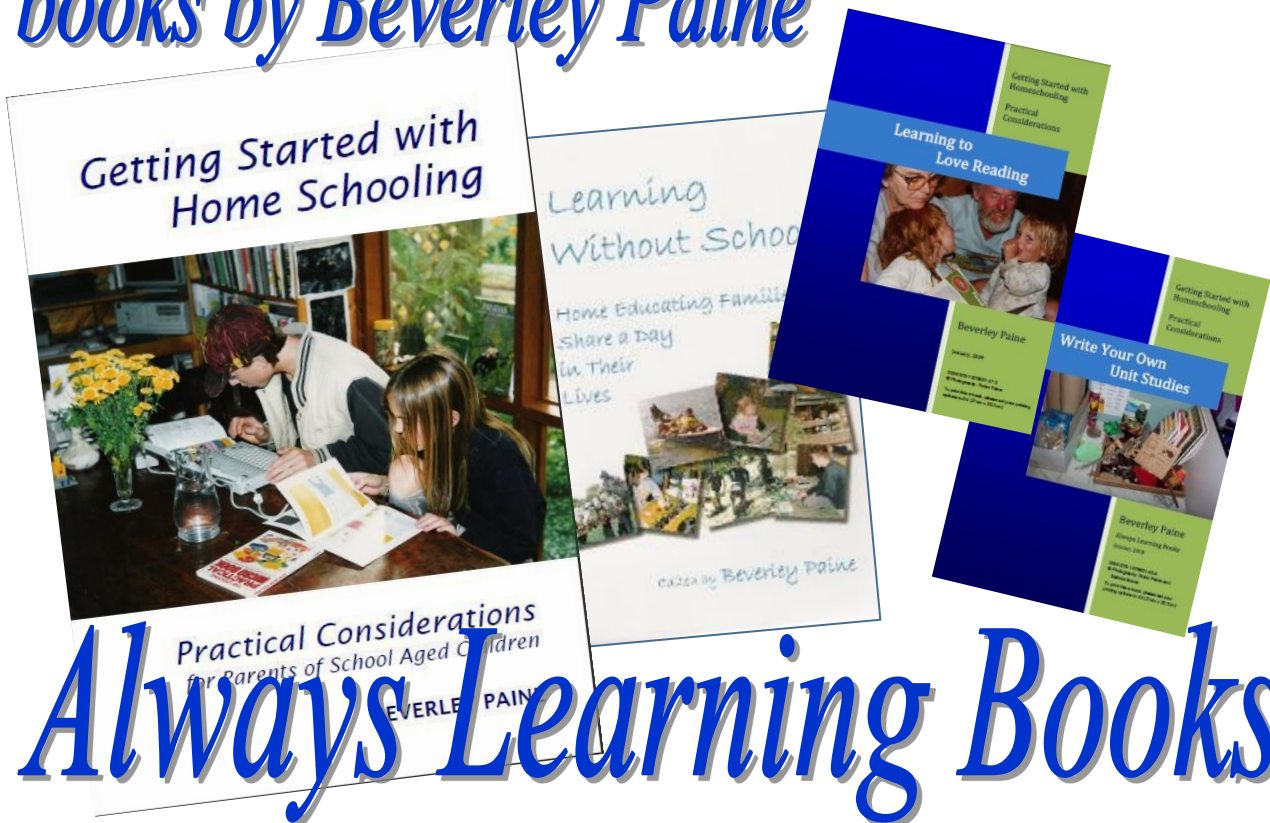
The following presents a naturally balanced home educating curriculum and can easily cover learning across all subjects. However, there is really no such thing as a 'typical' day, all days are different and that's okay.

- Arise, make beds, prepare and eat breakfast
- Completion of morning chores: personal, household, and animals
- Study: daily focus on maths and language based activities drawn from children's learning plans (about 1-2 hours)
- Snack and stretch
- Work on ongoing project, unit study, art, craft, etc
- Lunch: prepare, eat and clean away after
- Shared or individual reading
- Study: time to pursue personal interests and hobbies
- Outside physical activity: sport, walking, swimming, playing, tree climbing, etc
- Music lesson or practice
- Afternoon chores: personal, household, and animals
- Help prepare and eat dinner, clean away after
- News and current affairs, discussion and conversation
- Watching television, playing educational and fun games, use of computer for games or projects, quiet reading
- Story time
- Ready for bed

Not every day will look like this: some days will be taken up by field trips or excursions, visits to friends or home educating group activities. Other days will be spent focussing on particular projects either as individuals or as a family. Some days the children will play all day, absorbed in whatever game they are playing. Other days will be more structured. Recording what we notice our children doing, and spending time chatting to them, helps to reassure us that they are learning something all the time.



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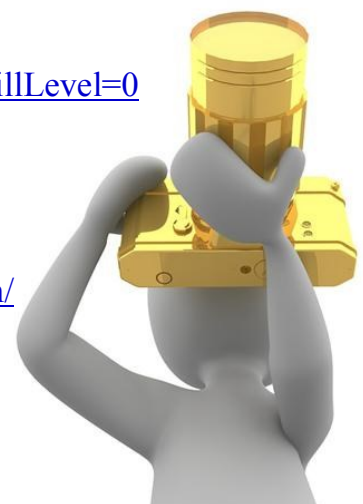
# Education Competitions

Many home educators like to enter some of the many competitions for school students held during each year. The regulatory authorities do not require home educating students to sit exams or tests, including NAPLAN: participation is optional. Some of the following competitions may only mention schools: don't be deterred, contact the convenor and ask if your child can participate. For state specific competitions visit [Aussie Educator](#). Please [email Beverley](#) if you know of other competitions available to home educated students.

- 60 Second Challenge  
<http://www.60secondscience.net/>
- ABC Heywire Competition  
<http://www.abc.net.au/heywire/competition/>
- ACER International Mathematical Modelling Challenge  
<https://www.immchallenge.org.au/>
- Aeronautical Velocity Challenge  
<http://iate.asn.au/events/aeronautical-velocity-challenge>
- Andy Griffiths Kids Writing Competition  
<https://www.dymocks.com.au/andy-griffiths-kids-writing-competition>
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<http://anzacportal.dva.gov.au/competitions/anzac-day-schools-award>
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<http://atomawards.org/2017-categories/>
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- Australian Geography Competition  
<http://www.geographycompetition.org.au/>
- Australian Geographic Nature Photographer of the Year competition  
<http://naturephotographeroftheyear.com.au/competition/>
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- Australian Primary Schools Mathematical Olympiads  
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- Australian Science Olympiads  
<https://www.asi.edu.au/programs/australian-science-olympiads/>
- Australian Space Design Competition  
<http://www.ausspacedesign.org.au/>
- Australian Statistics Competition  
<http://www.amt.edu.au/mathematics/asc/>
- Australian Stockholm Junior Water Prize  
[http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA\\_MBRR/About\\_AWA/Awards/Student/ASJWP.aspx](http://www.awa.asn.au/AWA_MBRR/About_AWA/Awards/Student/ASJWP.aspx)
- Bebras Australian Computational Thinking Challenge  
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<http://www.scienceawards.org.au/Student-Awards>
- Big Science Competition  
<https://www.asi.edu.au/programs/big-science-competition/>
- Boroondara Literary Awards Young Writers  
<http://www.boroondara.vic.gov.au/libraries/boroondara-literary-awards>
- Computational and Algorithmic Thinking Competition  
<http://www.amt.edu.au/informatics/cat/>
- Computer Science Imagine Cup  
<https://compete.imagine.microsoft.com/en-us/category/0?skillLevel=0>
- Creativity in Science and Technology (CREST) Awards  
<http://www.csiro.au/en/Education/Programs/CREST>
- DG Student Design Competition  
<http://www.dgimedia.com.au/dg-student-design-competition/>
- Expedition Class Challenge  
<https://expeditionclass.com/>
- Fanfare Music Composers Competition  
<https://artology.org.au/fanfare/>





- FIRST LEGO League Australia Challenge  
<http://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-lego-league/>
- FIRST Robotics Competition  
<http://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-robotics-competition/>
- FIRST Tech Challenge Australia  
<https://firstaustralia.org/programs/first-tech-challenge/>
- Flickerup Film Awards  
<http://flickerfest.com.au/awards/>
- Future Problem Solving Program  
<http://www.fpsp.org.au/students/>
- Google Code-in  
<https://developers.google.com/open-source/gci/>
- Google Science Fair  
<https://www.googlesciencefair.com/en/>
- Have Sum Fun Online Maths Quiz  
<http://www.havesumfunonline.com/>
- International Competitions and Assessments for Schools  
<https://www.eaa.unsw.edu.au/icas/about>
- Invention Kickstarter  
<http://www.instructables.com/contest/invention2017/>
- Language Perfect World Championships  
<http://worldseries.educationperfect.com/language-perfect-world-championships.html>
- Mackellar Poetry Awards  
<http://www.dorothea.com.au>
- Maths Olympiad  
[http://apsmo.edu.au/mo/mo\\_home\\_cm.php](http://apsmo.edu.au/mo/mo_home_cm.php)
- MS Readathon  
<http://www.msreadathon.org.au/>
- NATA Young Scientists of the Year Award  
<http://www.nata.com.au/nata/news/nata-young-scientist-award>
- National Child Writes Competition  
<http://www.childwrites.com.au/CW-Competition.html>
- National Computer Science Challenge  
<https://groklearning.com/upcoming/>
- National History Challenge  
<http://historychallenge.org.au/>



- National Song-writing Competition  
<http://acmf.com.au/national-songwriting-competition/>
- Opti-Minds QLD  
<http://opti-minds.com/about-us/>
- OzKids in Print run an annual writing competition  
<http://www.ozkids.com.au/>
- Panda Poetry ACF Competition  
<http://www.acfs.org.au/index.php/panda-competition>
- Philosophon  
<http://www.philosothon.org/>
- Plan your own Enterprise CPA Competition  
<https://www.cpaaustralia.com.au/become-a-cpa/network/whats-in-it-for-me/plan-your-own-enterprise-competition>
- Premier's Reading Challenges  
[ACT](#): [NSW](#): [QLD](#): [SA](#): [TAS](#): [VIC](#)
- RACI Crystal Growing Competition  
<https://www.raci.org.au/branches/qld-schools/crystal-growing-competition>
- ROBOCUP Junior  
<http://www.robocupjunior.org.au/node/1>
- SBS National Languages Competition, click on link and search for competition  
<http://www.sbs.com.au/radio/national-languages-competition-2017>
- Scholastic Read More in May Challenges  
<http://readmoreinmay.scholastic.com.au/Challenge>
- Screen It Filmaking and Animators Competition  
<https://2015.acmi.net.au/education/student-programs/screen-it/>
- Space Design Competition  
<http://www.ausspacedesign.org.au/>
- SPECTRA Science Awards  
<http://asta.edu.au/resources/spectra>
- Spellmasters  
<http://www.spellmasters.com.au/>
- Sleek Geeks Science Eureka Prize  
<https://eureka-entry.australianmuseum.net.au/school-science/sleek-geeks-science-eureka-prize-%E2%80%93-primary>



- State based and other writing competitions check these two sources:  
<http://www.austwriters.com/AWRfiles/competitions.htm>;  
<https://christinemareebell.wordpress.com/young-writers-resources/>
- Strange Nature Competition  
<http://strangenature.org/competition.html>
- The Global Cardboard Challenge  
<http://cardboardchallenge.com/>
- The Queen's Commonwealth Essay Competition  
<https://thercs.org/youth-and-education/the-queens-commonwealth-essay-competition/>
- The Simpson Prize (Anzac Day)  
<http://www.simpsonprize.org/>
- Tournament of Minds  
<http://www.tom.edu.au/>
- Wombat Books Illustration Challenge  
<http://www.wombatbooks.com.au/competitions/139-wombat-books-illustration-challenge-2017>
- Write4Fun Poetry, Short Story & Art Competitions  
<http://www.write4fun.net/>
- Writing Competitions for budding authors—a list compiled by Aust Writers  
<http://www.austwriters.com/AWRfiles/competitions.htm>
- Wool4School Fashion Design Competition  
<http://www.wool4school.com/>
- Young Writers Awards  
<http://www.youngwritersaward.com.au/>
- Young Explorers Digital Technology Competition  
<http://www.youngictexplorers.net.au/#>
- Youth Citizen Entrepreneurship Competition  
<https://www.entrepreneurship-campus.org/about-the-competition/>



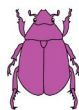


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- Marsden Park Christian College: <http://marsdenpark.acc.edu.au/>
- Riverside Christian College: <http://www.riverside.qld.edu.au>
- HomeSchoolWA: <http://www.homeschoolwa.com.au/>
- Australian Christian Homeschooling: <http://www.achs.edu.au/>
- Jubilee Christian College: <http://www.jubileecc.qld.edu.au/>
- SouthEast Home Education - ACE: <http://www.se-he.com/>
- Australian Christian College: <http://moreton.accde.edu.au/>
- Faith Christian School: <http://www.faithcsde.com/>

## Public

- South Australia - Open Access College: <http://www.openaccess.edu.au/>
- Western Australia - School of Isolation and Distance Education: <http://www.side.wa.edu.au/index.php>
- Northern Territory - Distance Learning: <http://www.education.nt.gov.au/parents-community/students-learning/distance-learning>
- Tasmania - Distance learning: [https://education.tas.edu.au/tasmanianeschool/Pages/k10\\_Distance\\_Schooling.aspx](https://education.tas.edu.au/tasmanianeschool/Pages/k10_Distance_Schooling.aspx)
- New South Wales - Distance Education: <http://www.schools.nsw.edu.au/rde/distanceedu/>
- Victoria - Distance Education Centre: <http://www.distance.vic.edu.au/>
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