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Aussie Home Ed Blogs

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.

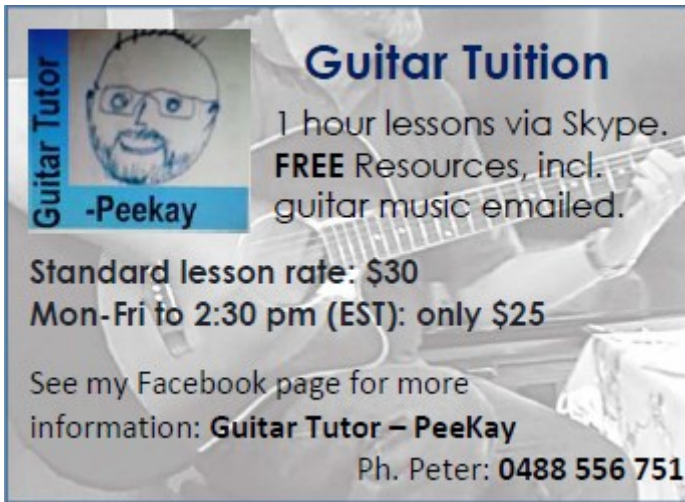
Home educating parents want to experience greater control over the direction and content of their children's education. It is only in recent human history that parents have handed the responsibility of their children's education to others. Home educating parents discover that helping their children learn 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.




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resources, while others simply get on with the business of living, expecting learning to unfold naturally. Some call this relaxed approach unschooling or life-learning and at it's heart is the belief in the power of self-directed and autonomous learning within the structure of a loving and supportive family actively engaging in their local and wider community. In truth, all home educating families make huge use of the community and environment in which they live, integrating out and about activities seamlessly into their children's education.

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A Typical Home Educating Day

As home educators we are free to create our own daily schedules. How one family home educates is usually completely different to another: we each find our own routines and rhythms based around what works for each family member.

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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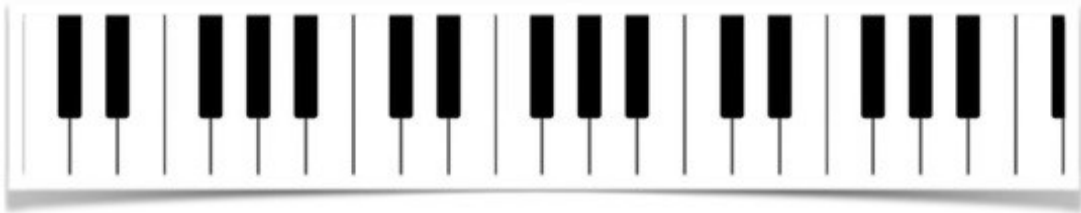
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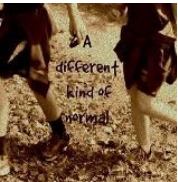
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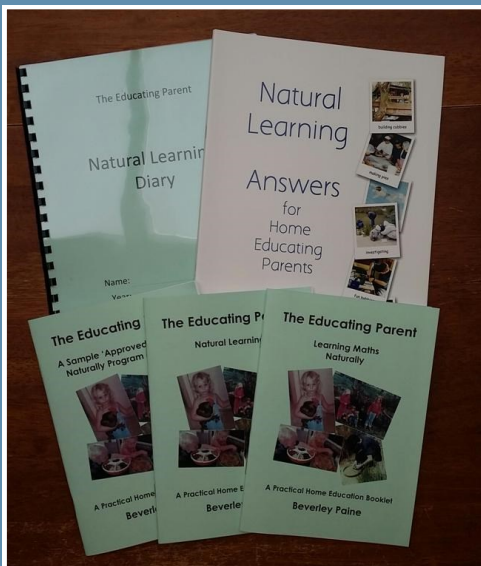
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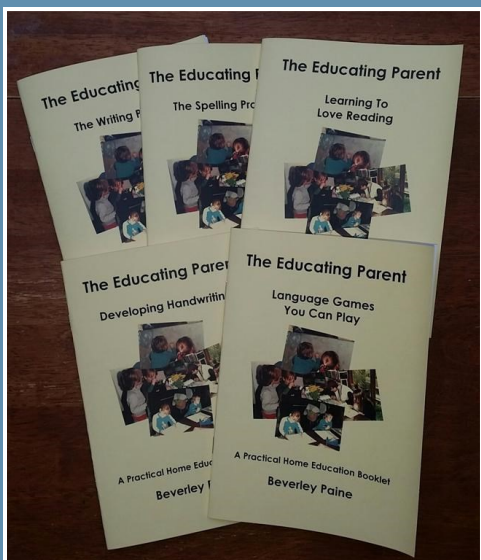
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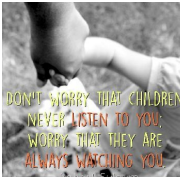
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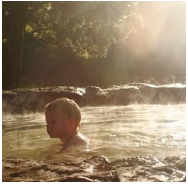


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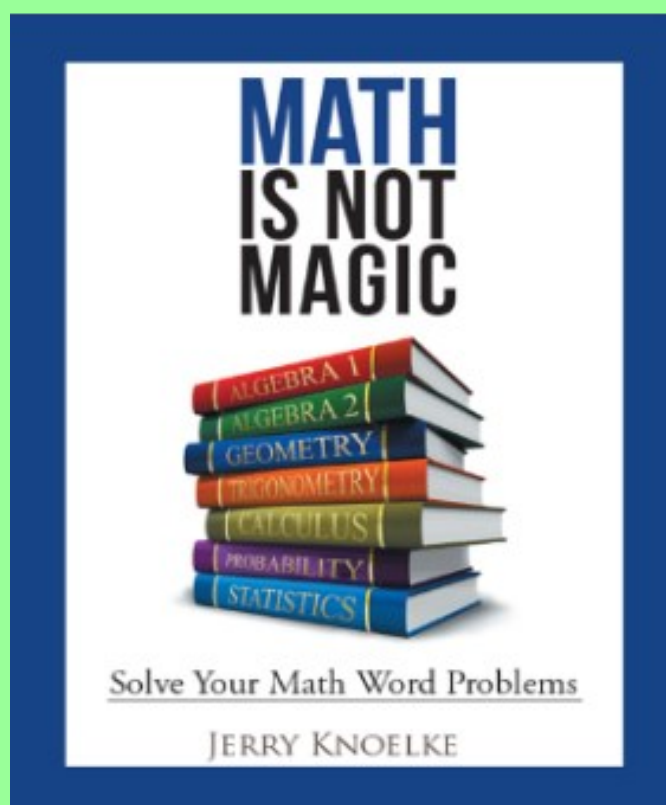
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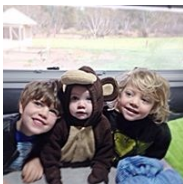
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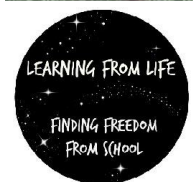
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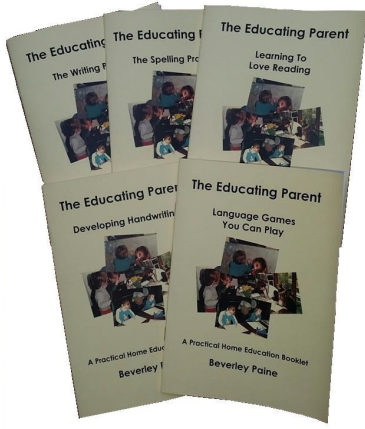


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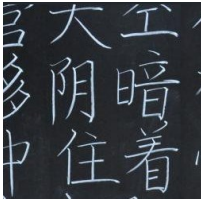
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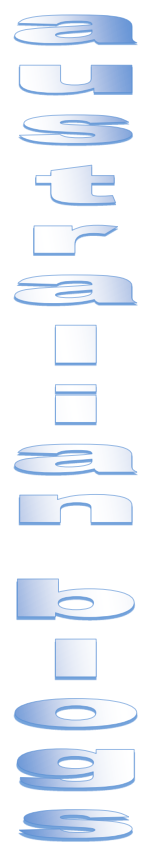
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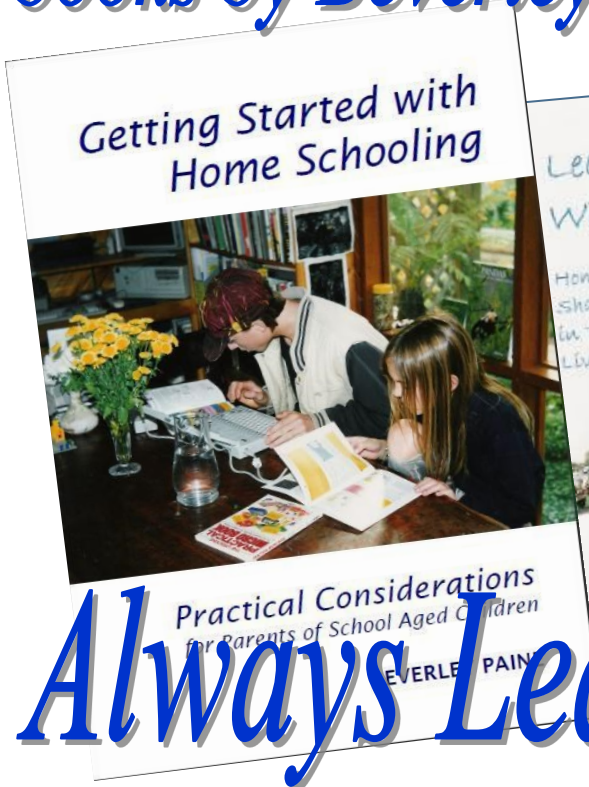


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I first came across the idea of home education and we began seriously considering it in 1984 while our eldest was at kindergarten. Home educating our children was a wonderful privilege and I'm grateful for the incredible learning opportunities we experienced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

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A part-time work-from-home mum of three, I 'officially' began home educating our eldest child in June last year, 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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