

HOMESCHOOL SERVICES

Information



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PARENT FRIENDLY

CHRISTIAN HOME SCHOOLING

Accelerate Christian Home Schooling
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with state-specific programming.

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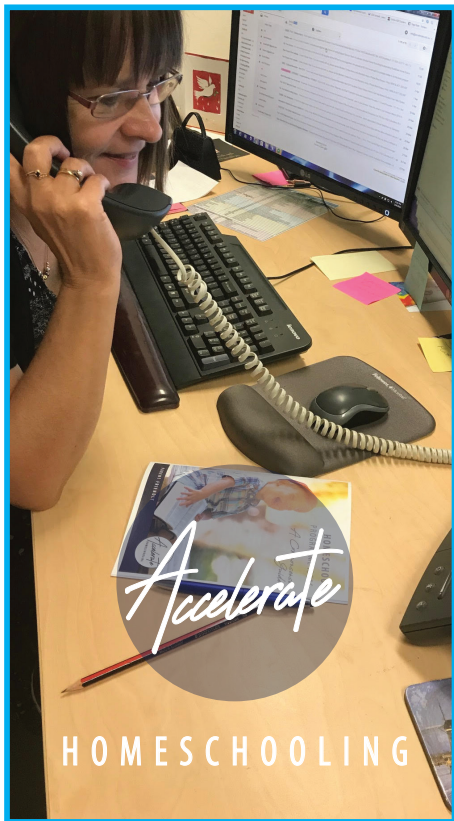


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AS FOR ME AND MY HOUSE,

WE WILL SERVE THE LORD. JOSHUA 24:15B

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HOW ACCELERATE CHRISTIAN HOME SCHOOLING CAN SERVE YOU

From the very beginning of your homeschooling journey, to when your child is ready to move on, we can support you.

We are able to assist you with subject choices and levels for your children. Because of our extensive homeschooling experience and formal teaching qualifications, we can also help you or your child with difficult academic concepts. Phone or online tuition is available where necessary, though in the vast majority of cases students find that all the information and teaching is successfully provided by the resources themselves.

Your children are assessed constantly throughout their course of study for each subject. This happens at home, under your supervision. We record the test scores that you send us, and provide a record of results at the end of each semester. We also keep track of secondary students' progress towards graduation.

Our website and newsletters keep you informed of events and matters of interest, and also provide links to resources that will enhance your homeschooling experience.

We can design your child's pathways to graduation together with you, and assist with State registration if required.

CHRISTIAN HOMESCHOOLING WITH

ACCELERATE CHRISTIAN HOME SCHOOLING IS A HOMESCHOOL SUPPORT SERVICE, SERVING FAMILIES USING THE A.C.E. EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES.

WHAT IS HOMESCHOOLING?

Homeschooling (also known as home education) is where the parents take on the responsibility for their child's education.

Parents choose the method of education and the resources they wish to use, and teach their child in a family setting.

WHAT IS THE DIFFERENCE BETWEEN HOMESCHOOLING AND DISTANCE EDUCATION?

With both **homeschooling** and **distance education**, the child works from home under the parent's supervision. Apart from this the terms Homeschooling and Distance Education have different meanings in law.

WHO IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE CHILD'S EDUCATION?

Homeschooling - Parents are responsible for their child's educational programme and its delivery, and are accountable to the relevant government authorities.

Distance Education - The **school** is responsible for the child's educational programme and its delivery, and is accountable to the relevant government authorities.



LEGAL ISSUES FOR HOMESCHOOLING

Homeschooling is a legal option in every state and territory of Australia (and NZ).

As homeschoolers, you need to be aware of your state's legislation concerning "compulsory schooling". As a general rule, each state requires that children either attend a school or are registered as homeschoolers, from the age of 6 through to 17.

Most state governments require that an educational programme be submitted for approval.

From a legal standpoint, this is entirely between you and the authority of your state.

However, we can assist with the process. It can be daunting when new to it, but rest assured we have a lot of experience with registration in all states and territories, and have assisted scores of families through it.

We can offer assistance with documentation and programming. Our website has ideas on how to present your documentation, as well as testimonies and ideas from parents who have been through the process. Our **Homeschool Programme Ideas booklet**, exclusive to members, comes with the Parent Training Kit.

For NSW families, we have prepared stage by stage documentation linking PACEs with the core KLA outcomes.

For Qld, Tas, SA and NT, ACT and WA and New Zealand, we have instruction guides for how to prepare your documentation each year, as well as how to present your yearly report if required.

HOMESCHOOL PROGRAMME IDEAS



Can Student Convention help?

SCEE Student Convention can provide opportunities in preparing and presenting Science Projects, including photography. The good thing about student convention is that whatever your child presents is assessed by a team of outsider with evaluation and feedback.

SAMPLE TIMETABLE

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast	8:00 Breakfast
8:30 School work	8:30 School work	8:30 School work	8:30 School work	8:30 School work	8:30 School work	8:30 School work
9:00 Music	9:00 Music	9:00 Music	9:00 Music	9:00 Music	9:00 Music	9:00 Music
9:30 Morning tea	9:30 Morning tea	9:30 Morning tea	9:30 Morning tea	9:30 Morning tea	9:30 Morning tea	9:30 Morning tea
10:00 School work	10:00 School work	10:00 School work	10:00 School work	10:00 School work	10:00 School work	10:00 School work
10:30 Lunch	10:30 Lunch	10:30 Lunch	10:30 Lunch	10:30 Lunch	10:30 Lunch	10:30 Lunch
11:00 School work	11:00 School work	11:00 School work	11:00 School work	11:00 School work	11:00 School work	11:00 School work
11:30 Afternoon tea	11:30 Afternoon tea	11:30 Afternoon tea	11:30 Afternoon tea	11:30 Afternoon tea	11:30 Afternoon tea	11:30 Afternoon tea
12:00 Free play	12:00 Free play	12:00 Free play	12:00 Free play	12:00 Free play	12:00 Free play	12:00 Free play
12:30 Reading	12:30 Reading	12:30 Reading	12:30 Reading	12:30 Reading	12:30 Reading	12:30 Reading
1:00 End of day	1:00 End of day	1:00 End of day	1:00 End of day	1:00 End of day	1:00 End of day	1:00 End of day

THE EDUCATIONAL RESOURCES

Accelerate Christian Home Schooling

recommends the A.C.E. Educational resources which include:

- A Comprehensive pre-reading course
- A Phonics-Based Learning-to-Read programme
- Content in core academic learning areas:
 - Mathematics
 - English (Grammar, Spelling and Literature)
 - Social Studies (History and Geography)
 - Science
 - Bible
- Elective subjects for Secondary Schooling
- A wide variety of selected Christian literature and resources.

BENEFITS OF A.C.E. RESOURCES

Biblical Worldview

The philosophy and worldview of A.C.E. Educational Resources are consistent with the way the Bible describes God, the world, people and cultures.

Character

The use of the personalized A.C.E. Educational Resources promotes independent learning, honesty, integrity, accountability, reliability and dependability in the students.

The A.C.E. Educational Resources encourage the development of sixty character traits. These character traits include the characteristics that Jesus demonstrated, such as courage, honesty, compassion, creativity, and resourcefulness.

Scripture Memory

A.C.E. Educational Resources place an emphasis on the learning of God's Word through scripture memorization.

Biblical Role Models

A.C.E. cartoon characters mature along with the students. They face similar problems that students face and exhibit Biblical responses to these problems. The A.C.E. cartoon characters provide appropriate role models for students to develop personal values based on Biblical principles.



Christian Literature Books

The A.C.E. Literature book selection includes high quality literature with a strong, positive Christian message.



Direct Instruction

A.C.E. Educational Resources contain **self-instructional learning** with inbuilt learning tools to support students' learning. The resources use consistent instructional language at each student's level of understanding, and provide regular learning activities, reviews and quizzes that support the learning process.

Mastery Learning Methodology:

A.C.E. Educational Resources use **mastery-learning methodology**. This consists of: (i) specific learning objectives, (ii) instruction in small units of learning (iii) short tests at frequent intervals. The student's mastery learning experience is characterized by carefully sequenced activities, reinforcement and assessment of learning with regular feedback.



BENEFITS OF A.C.E RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

Critical Thinking Skills

The learning activities in A.C.E. Educational Resources require critical thinking processes. Course material and classroom procedures provide opportunities to develop all six levels of Bloom's Taxonomy of higher order thinking skills: knowledge, understanding, application, analysis, evaluation and design. These are developed in sequence that match the child's development through the years.

Creativity

Students are encouraged to think critically and creatively while engaging with A.C.E. Educational Resources. Learning is enhanced by discussion, research and follow-up learning activities associated with the learning materials or students' interests.

Academic Rigour

A.C.E. Educational Resources provide academic rigour that challenges, motivates, and rewards each student as they progress through the sequence of structured learning tasks and activities.

National Content

National History, Geography and Maths courses are sequenced throughout the A.C.E. Educational Resources for many South Pacific nations, including Australia and New Zealand.



Grammar and Mastery of English

With A.C.E. Educational Resources students learn parts of speech and sentence construction. Grammar skills give students the ability to communicate clearly, concisely and effectively, and provide a valuable foundation for students who learn a language other than English.

Goal Setting

Students are taught to set daily, weekly and long-term academic goals that equip them with skills to become successful, independent life-long learners.

Built in Checkpoints on Learning

To ensure learning is taking place, frequent and explicit check-points are provided. Scoring Checkpoints, Check-ups, Self-Tests and PACE Tests provide regular opportunities for the parent and student to evaluate and provide feedback on teaching and learning.

Academic Progress

Diligent, daily use of A.C.E. Educational Resources provides students with a structured and systematic education. Student progress follows a well-defined pathway from the lower levels through to year 12 graduation.

Learning at the Student's own Rate

The use of A.C.E. Educational Resources allows students to learn at their own rate, according to individual abilities and learning styles whether (i) gifted learners, (ii) average learners (iii) learners who are under-achievers or (iv) learners who need extra support.

Suitable for Gifted Students

Gifted students may progress more quickly through the sequence of A.C.E. Educational Resources and may broaden their studies with additional courses.

Suitable for Students with Learning Difficulties

A.C.E. Educational Resources assist the learning of students who have learning difficulties and special needs. Students have the opportunity to work at their personalized academic level and rate, to ensure appropriate learning takes place. We also make available a specialized reading and spelling programme for dyslexic students.



BENEFITS OF A.C.E RESOURCES (CONTINUED)

ABCs

Young children who begin using A.C.E. are first taught basic literacy and numeracy. A.C.E. focuses in acquiring basic literacy skills early, because once a child can read and understand, they quickly become independent learners. The course, **ABCs with Ace and Christi**, is a phonics programme with instructional manuals for the parent to teach the child to reading and write confidently in a relatively short time.

The full kit includes Learning-To-Read Daily Manuals (Volumes 1 & 2) with flash cards, Phonics CD, stickers, progress reports, post-test and work books in 7 subjects covering a full year's work.

For younger children in the family who later require the ABCs phonics, you can reuse the material with a supplementation pack to replace the consumables used.



MEMBERSHIP

Our service is tailored for parents who wish to pursue homeschooling, along with the added benefits of general and specific support and advice provided by experienced educators who have homeschooled their own children for many years.

Diagnostic Testing

Children who commence A.C.E. after having begun their schooling will need to be assessed in order for us to determine the best place to start them in their A.C.E. learning sequence, and if any specific areas need to be covered before they begin at that level. This is likely to be different for each subject. Diagnostic tests are given for English, Maths, Literacy and Spelling. These tests are not passed or failed, but they enable us to design the best learning sequence for students to enjoy early success, allowing them to reach appropriate long term goals.

Diagnostic tests are scored by us at Accelerate Christian Home Schooling, with a comprehensive prescription presented to parents detailing what work should be covered in all subject areas.



Assessment and Reporting

Your child's results will be recorded and monitored in line with graduation requirements. Your child will receive semester report cards.

Graduation Certificates



provides the opportunity for your child to receive an achieved Year 10 or Year 12 A.C.E. Certificate.

Celebration Events

Each year we celebrate student achievement and graduations.

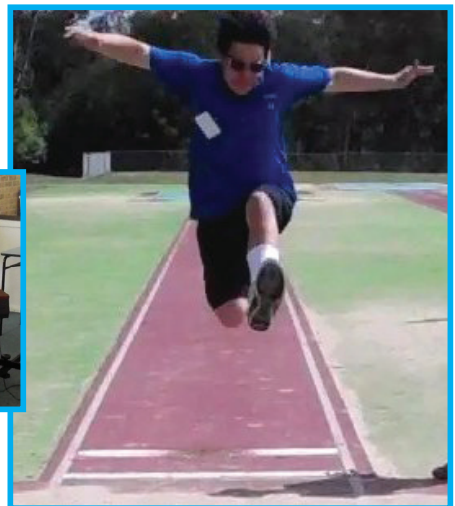


SCEE Student Conventions

Student Conventions are residential events that provide students with the opportunity to compete in many different academic, athletic, art and craft, music, photography and platform (speech and drama) events.

Through Student Convention, students have the opportunity to:

- Discover and develop new skills and talents.
- Receive feedback as judges provide helpful comments so that they can improve their performance in the future.
- Compete and fellowship with other students.
- Enhance and supplement their formal learning programme.
- Dedicate their gifts and abilities to the Lord and Christian ministry.
- Students who turn 11 years of age, enrolled with a school or home school provider using A.C.E. Educational Resources can attend the Regional Convention in their region and have the opportunity to move on to competition at South Pacific and International levels.



Annual Membership Fees

We charge one family fee for a comprehensive service for the whole family. There is no “per child” fee.

This fee does not include materials, which may vary with each child. You should allow about \$150 per child per term for materials, plus postage.

Please see our fees and a full explanation on our website.

<http://accelerate.edu.au/fees/>

Additional Costs

A once off joining fee (equivalent to one month of yearly fee)

Parent Start up pack including Training and other useful information.

Diagnostic testing and analysis.

Request a personalised quote for details.

ENROLMENT

First, contact us by our contact form or by phone and we will discuss your family's needs with you.

We will then email you a quote to get started.

Once you have your quote, fill in the online enrolment form and make your startup payment, using the quote as a reference.

When you have enrolled, we will send you a “welcome” letter and further information and instructions.

We respect your privacy, and will not share this information with any government or private organisation, other than SCEE, the provider of A.C.E. resources, who will fill your orders.

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Welcome to
Accelerate Christian Home Schooling



Web access and Communication

We like you to be able to communicate with us at any time you need. This is typically by phone or email.

We communicate with our families via email, newsletters, and also through our website: **www.accelerate.edu.au**

There are many areas of our website that are available only to members. When you join us, you will be given access to all of these areas.

Parent Training

A.C.E. resources are not simply made up of text and work books. When used properly, they ensure excellent learning outcomes in children. Like any methodology, they are only effective if the correct procedures are followed.

Before using the material, new supervising parents must complete the training course. This course will train you how to use the resources, and will also cover vital areas such as Godly wisdom and the role of parents in the education of their children.

The A.C.E. Parent Training Course must be done by the parent who will do most of the supervision.

Parents who have already completed the A.C.E. Parent Training Course may not be expected to do the course a second time, although we do require that **all** new members complete our supplemental video training.

The Parent Training Course contains:

- ✓ A Home Educator's Training Manual: This provides comprehensive instruction in A.C.E. procedures.
- ✓ A Home Educator's Activity Pac: To be completed by the supervising parent, this covers basic procedures involved in using the resources. It comes with a score key and allows the parent to perform tasks in exactly the same way as their child will.
- ✓ Wisdom PACE: A foundational part of home education using A.C.E. is the passing on of Godly wisdom from generation to generation. This work book will either confirm your understanding or perhaps even astound you as you learn about the philosophy of Christian Education.

- ✓ Video lessons accessed online with worksheets covering practices and routines specific to .
- ✓ A Scope & Sequence of the A.C.E. resources. An online Scope and Sequence is also available through us at Accelerate Christian Home Schooling, and can be copied and pasted into documents.
- ✓ A Programming Ideas Guide
- ✓ A SCEE Product Catalogue and Price List for your reference

We can assure parents who are new to the idea of home education with A.C.E. that you will be excited and challenged by the material presented in the course.

ORDERING

All material comes directly from SCEE in Brisbane. Enrolled families order directly from the warehouse. When you first start with us, we will place the first order on your behalf. The material will be sent directly to your address. We will provide training for you so that you will confidently be able to place your own orders in the future.

Payment for orders can be made by credit/debit card (preferred), cheque, or EFT. Orders cannot be dispatched without payment.



Homeschooling is our passion! Most of our team have taken their children (now graduated and busy in their careers) through the process, or are still homeschooling, and we have assisted hundreds of other students to graduation.

As well as being experienced homeschoolers and educators, we are familiar with the homeschooling laws in each State of Australia, as well as New Zealand.

Accelerate Christian Home Schooling is owned and operated by Southern Cross Educational Enterprises Limited (SCEE), the authorised distributor for A.C.E. in this region.

Accelerate is the main Service Provider for homeschooling families using A.C.E. and SCEE's nationalised educational resources for Australia & New Zealand. You can enrol at any time during the year.

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