Homeschooling

If your child is experiencing ongoing refusal and stress related with school attendance, you may have considered homeschooling. Homeschooling offers flexibility to tailor lessons to your child's interests and needs within the WA curriculum, all from a comfortable environment.

This guide will help you explore homeschooling and decide if it's the right fit for your family.

What is homeschooling and how do I start?

Homeschooling is an alternative form of education where parents or carers take on the role of primary educators, teaching their children at home rather than sending them to a traditional school.

In WA, homeschooled children still follow the WA curriculum, and parents and carers work with a Department of Education moderator who provides guidance and ensures that educational requirements are met. To become a home educator, you must register by contacting your local education regional office.

Homeschooling and the WA curriculum

As a home educator, you will need to develop a curriculum program that meets the requirements of the *School Curriculum and Standards Authority Act 1997*.

For students from Kindergarten to Year 10, topics such as Mathematics, Science, Humanities, Arts, Languages, Health, Physical Education, and Technologies can be taught in a hands-on, practical way without relying heavily on theory.

There are many opportunities across WA that offer low-demand activities that align with the WA curriculum such as:

- Perth Zoo
- Scitech
- Urban bushlands and nature reserves
- Coastal walks and beachcombing
- Citizen Science projects
- Containers for Change
- Gardening and growing vegetables
- Online learning - YouTube

Tips for keeping records of home activities

To document your efforts and provide evidence of a well-rounded education, take photos, collect pamphlets, save maps, and track these experiences.

Keeping records of these activities will demonstrate to the Department of Education your efforts to provide varied and engaging environments with conscious awareness of education potential.

Financial assistance for parents and carers who homeschool

In Australia, registering to homeschool is free. However, home educators generally do not receive specific government subsidies for homeschooling. Some families may qualify for the Assistance for Isolated Children (AIC) payment if their child meets certain conditions.

Additionally, Centrelink may grant exemptions from work requirements for parents and carers who homeschool. If you're already receiving other Centrelink benefits, like the Carers Allowance, you may also receive the AIC payment.

Want to find out more?

Scan the QR code or visit bit.ly/KiindHomeSchooling to learn more about what homeschooling can look like for your child.

Need additional support?

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