



HEA Members Discounts

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Discounts for HEA Members

HEA members have negotiated special discounts for members and they are listed here. Effort is made to keep this list up-to-date but as it is printed maybe once a year, it is bound to have some errors.

Please refer to the Service Providers listing on the HEA website www.hea.asn.au for our most current information. You will notice, on the website, that those Service Providers who offer HEA Members a discount are marked with a daisy.

This listing is in no particular order.

HEA does not necessarily recommend the providers who are listed here or on the website.

Getting more for homeschoolers

When you are purchasing educational toys, craft materials, books, games, subscriptions, annual memberships, anything at all, please show the provider your HEA Membership card and ask for a discount. If you are successful please contact the HEA office so that we can contact the provider and request a formal discount for all HEA members.

Correspondence, Online & Alternate Schools

GridClub eLearning

A creative, refreshing and motivating website for children, engaging their imagination, developing their skills, teaching Internet Safety and ultimately inspiring their learning at school and home" - BAFTA Award for Online Learning - School and Home

Take advantage of the 4 day Free Trial of GridClub and have your children play and learn while experiencing this safe internet learning web environment.

HEA members with children aged between 5-12 years who subscribe as HEA members will receive a 50% discount on the 12 month home subscription rate. Normally \$199, we will offer HEA members a rate of \$99 for a 12 month subscription.

This gives HEA members access to all areas and resources within the GridClub website, including lesson plans, work sheets and access to all subjects including, English, Maths, Science, History, Geography, ICT, PE, Art, Citizenship, Music, Languages, De-

sign & Technology and much more. The website was originally developed by the Department of Education - UK and is utilized in over 4000 schools. The website has a fantastic teachers' area which includes detailed lesson plans.

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At the time of printing the

HEA website Resource Directory had 375 Service Providers listed. There are also Articles relating to homeschooling and a database of Support Groups and Contact People within the homeschooling community.

Places to Go

Liverpool Ice Rink has approved the school price for HEA members on school days - \$6 per child per session when membership card is shown.

Liverpool Catholic Club Sports Complex Cnr Joadja and Hoxton Park Rd
Hoxton Park NSW 2170
Australia

Ph: 02 8784 4800

www.liverpoolcatholic.com.au/SPORTSCENTRE.ASP

Australian Museum

Also known as the Australian Natural Museum - it is open 9.30am to 5:00pm every day except December 25.

HEA members are entitled to the same rates as government and private school groups. Please note that you must pre-book your visit. PRE-BOOKED groups of 10 students or more receive the following rates for general museum admission:

\$5 per student (concession rate)
\$0 per adult following the student ratio below. (Adults above this ratio pay \$10 per person for general museum entry.)

Primary school age students: require 1 adult to every 4 students. (Following this ratio adults do not pay)

Secondary school age students: require 1 adult to every 10 students. (following this ratio adults do not pay)

School bookings can be made on telephone 02 9320 6163 during business hours - please state 'member of Home Education Association'. Please note children under 5 years of age obtain free entry to the museum.

The same policy applies to the Museum's special exhibitions if schools pre-book. At the moment 'Life Beyond the Tomb: death in ancient Egypt' is our special exhibition until 22 May 2005. The concession rate for students is \$10 and adults \$18 (adults are free if pre-booked and following student ratio).

Contact: Christine Callen.
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Stadium are offering a great discount, of \$5.50 per person, with one adult free per family.

Show your HEA card to qualify for this discount. (This is over 50% discount!) Monday to Friday only.

230 Macquarie Road
Warners Bay NSW 2282

(02) 4954-4499

Sydney Aquarium are offering HEA members a discounted rate of \$9 per child. 1 adult is free per 8 students. Extra adult rate \$15.50. (Valid to 31st Dec 2007)

Bookings essential. HEA membership card must be produced on arrival.

Contact: Kerry Evans.
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Manly Oceanarium, Manly NSW, are offering HEA members a discounted rate (valid to 31/12/04) of \$7.70 per student. 1 adult is free per 8 students. Extra adult rate \$14.50.

It is compulsory to book the group to obtain these rates.

Contact: Joe Rockendorfer

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Urban Discovery's heritage walks, excursions and workshops explore the natural and historic aspects of Melbourne's cultural landscapes for students across Victoria include themes such as Aboriginal society, Australian history, marine biology, wildlife, historic events and the built environment.

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Contact Eidelson Meyer who is the president of the St Kilda Historical Society and the author of over ten books on Melbourne's history and environment.

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Science & Technology

Science Education Online

I have begun an online business Science Education Online which is setup as an ebay business. My ebay store is <http://stores.ebay.com.au/Science-Education-Online>. I aim to provide science equipment and programs as cheaply as I possibly can - 10% to 20% discount on retail prices, depending on what I can get things for.

I am a practising science teacher and my wife and I also homeschool our 16 year old daughter. I will have access to many thousands of items that you could normally only see at a well equipped school. I will also have worksheets and programs, together with email support to cus-

tomers. A current example is a remote controlled car used with a digital camera to analyse concepts such as Newton's Laws, displacement/time and velocity/time graphs, energy, momentum etc. I am hoping you will allow a link on your homeschooling page and advice on other ways that I can make myself known. I don't have a lot of items yet but will gradually build up over the next few weeks and months.

HEA members should contact me through: johns707@optusnet.com.au and I will quote them a greater discounted price. I am also offering email support to customers who have questions etc related to the products that they buy or to science in general for that matter.

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Bioscope

BioScope interactive CD-ROMs provide the very best in biology material for today's science learners. They are designed to grab attention, to interest and excite.

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BioScope integrates with the Biology component of the science curriculum in all Australian education systems and particularly senior Biology courses. It is suitable for late primary students through to university undergradu-

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Inquiry based investigative pathways, games, quizzes, information pages, links to external web sites and detailed reference material mean BioScope is fun to use whilst providing top quality scientific information. It was put together by internationally respected biology scientists and educational consultants - and tested on students.

BioScope's animations, quizzes and terrific images arouse interest and help with understanding difficult concepts. Activity sheets and lesson plans come with each CD and others can be found online via the BioScope Labs and Activities subscription site. With its many layers and paths of investigation there is a wealth of



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The current BioScope CD-ROMs look at Cells. Others soon to become available include Genetics and Botany. For more information and to view a demonstration go to our website.

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Timesavers International

supplies online courses of CyberMartialArts which are empowering the users of Windows based PCs with the tools and knowledge to stay protected against known and unknown computer threats, locally or remotely, allowing the students to surf the net in total security. The future of education is definitely online.

However, to exploit the full potential of the Internet, it is fundamental to secure totally our computers.

Timesavers International has recently launched (in May 2007) revolutionary tools and techniques (CyberForceField and CyberMartialArts) which can transform online education as they are securing Windows based computers with a totally new approach:

* Empowering the users to understand and control the main

actions of their computers.

* Protecting private data against all kinds of computer threats.

* Monitoring all programs to detect suspicious behaviours and respond smartly to attacks. CyberMartialArts Students benefit the most from the power of the Internet as they know how to use it safely!

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See also **Sydney Aquarium** and **Australian Museum** in Places to Go section, and **Maths Power** in Maths section.

Science & Technology

Workshops & Classes for Children

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Rudimentary cabin available, plus camp sites at the home of Beverley Paine, author of 'Getting Started with Homeschooling' and 'Learning in the Absence of Education'

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Media News Team

Our workshops can be adapted for all ages and abilities, are interactive, education and entertaining. We would like to be able to present to home school children

at the functions where they get together with other home schoolers.

DISCOUNTS

We generally have a minimum number of 30 students per workshop, but will waive that for our 2 hr or full day workshops to allow for groups as small as 15 students. (They can be of mixed ages (yr3-6 or yr 7-9).

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See also **Urban Discovery** in Places to Go section.

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See also **South Australian Natural Learning Resource Centre** in Workshops & Courses section.

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Publisher of teen and adult writers, printer and bookseller.

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See also **Abacus**, and **Brainy Days** in Books & Educational Aides.

Home Education 'cK program' in Personal Development section.

Literacy Circle in English section.

GridClub in Correspondence School section.

See also:
Easy School Books in Special Needs

Knowledge Books & Software in English section
Ekersleys Art Supplies in Creative Arts section.

Australian History - Janette's pictures In HSIE
Lexia Learning in English

Downunder Literature

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Ziptales is an online reading program - fully Australian owned and developed - which has a large and growing subscriber base in schools and among parents, including home schoolers. It is literacy focussed, though there is some Australian history and Art and design content as well. HEA members receive a 10% discount on any subscription to Ziptales, and to any CD product they might like to buy.

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English

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Lexia Learning Systems is a comprehensive Reading &



Cognitive Skills software application. It builds skills with explicit practice in phonemic awareness and phonics, while promoting gains in vocabulary, fluency and comprehension. This is accompanied by cognitive skills activities that focus on reasoning, memory, spatial awareness, critical thinking & problem solving. Lexia is designed to Support core reading; Prevent reading failure; and Remediate struggling readers and English language learners. Lexia Learning Systems is currently being used in over 10 000 schools in the USA and a growing number in Australasia, since its inception in 2005.

The Lexia System is based on the structured, sequential and cumulative Orton-Gillingham approach to reading development. It is based on decades of research and in recent reading research projects has shown that lower performing students using Lexia software have outperformed their counterparts using traditional teaching methods.

Lexia Learning Systems is appropriate for students from pre-school to adult and caters for special needs including ADD and autism. The software is flexible, fun and extremely engaging. All student work(data) is monitored and easily presented in table or graph format, identifying up-to-date successes and weaknesses. Lexia will help learners of all abilities become proficient readers.

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See also **Media News Team** in Workshops & Courses

Bloomsmath

is a differentiated mathematics program which is based on the assimilation of Benjamin Bloom's six hierarchical cognitive domains with the NSW Board of Studies Mathematics Syllabus. Designed to make effective programming effortless for teachers there is a program for every year from Kindergarten to 8.

Bloomsmath uses interlocking activities to build on each previous year's themes and student's developing mathematical skills. This means that mathematical experiences for students are not duplicated or interrupted from one year to the next. Each program contains lesson plans which cover every aspect of the Mathematics Syllabus and comes complete with work sheets provided on CD-ROM for ease of printing.

Free Postage & Handling to HEA members.

Central to Bloomsmath is differentiation via the promotion of creativity and higher order cognitive skills. It promotes risk-taking and open-endedness by stressing that there is no one right answer and encourages creative thinking involving imagination. There are also a variety of learning processes which accommodate different students' learning styles and opportunities for students to articulate their reasoning for arriving at their solution to a problem or question.

Using Bloomsmath students are asked to think beyond the mathematics they encounter in their prescribed textbook as most basal materials are well below the challenge level for many students. It provides multiple resources and challenges student to actively use the skills of analysis, synthesis and evaluation to transform the information they encounter in the prescribed curriculum outcomes. Bloomsmath is based on the premise that if teachers have higher expectations of their students they will respond at a higher level.

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EdAlive is a team of teachers, parents and professionals dedicated to making educational soft-

ware and resources that motivate learners of all ages. EdAlive's mission is to give every child in every school and home access to exciting, content-rich, low-cost educational software that will increase their chances of success in core learning areas.

To read about our homeschool policy and online registration, please go to www.edalive.com/csp/homeschool.php

Australian parents who choose to homeschool their children can participate in the Community Software Plan (CSP) in much the same way as families do in the formal school system. This will give them access to the greatly reduced CSP pricing.

The CSP is essentially a bulk purchase plan and as such, requires the lodgement of consolidated orders on behalf of a group of parents. It is usually administered through traditional schools, however, EdAlive will deem a group of homeschooling parents as a school for CSP purposes. A minimum of 15 products must be ordered to qualify for CSP pricing.

EdAlive produces a range of literacy, numeracy and clip art/graphics programs. A number of our literacy and numeracy products and our typing program are international educational software award winners.

Our products cover curriculum requirements for K-10 for all States and Territories in Australia, New Zealand, England, Scotland and Ireland.

Mention it is a homeschool call and you will be directed to appropriate person. If you are emailing us then please put 'Attn: CSP' in the subject line.

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We also have a Science POWER program that could be listed under science and technology. The web site is www.sciencepower.com.au

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Drum Shop

Offers HEA members a 5%-10% discount on their range of products, ranging from percussion through to drumkits; drum tuition books also available. Please present your HEA card to qualify for this great offer.

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Eckersleys Art Supplies

is now the largest Fine Art & Graphics retail group with nine stores within the Australian eastern seaboard.

We offer a 10% discount to HEA cardholders. The discount would not be applicable on promotional, sales and any items on specials. Members may also have access

to the loyalty program.

We have recently acquired Conti School Supplies which specialises in drafting products for schools and students.

Eckersley's supplies quality art materials covering all the traditional fine art mediums, as well as graphic art, picture framing, invitation-cardmaking and school art materials.

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Home Educator 'cK Programme' Co-ordinated Kids

A new program to build smarter, healthier, happier, kids in just 10 minutes per day.

cK is designed for the at home parent to help the child improve motor skills and co-ordination.

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HEA courses for parents in homeschooling

have been very successful in starting support groups in local areas.

There are two courses running in the Sydney area and, when requested, further afield.

One is an Introductory course covering the basic questions and needs of new homeschoolers and is run over a couple of days. Run by HEA volunteers, experienced in homeschooling parents.

The other is a more comprehensive course and is designed to give a thorough study of children's education and about homeschooling as a lifestyle. It is suitable for new and experienced homeschoolers and particularly for those feeling burnt out. Run by qualified adult educators. www.hea.asn.au/hea/news_viewarticle.asp?id=116

The people who run these courses do so as volunteers for HEA to promote and support homeschooling.

Comprehensive Course Outline:

- # Introduction to Course
- # Research on Home Education
- # Socialization
- # Advantages & Disadvantages
- # Approaches to teaching
- # Registration Process
- # Suggested Reading list
- # Terminology
- # Multiple Intelligences & Learning Styles
- # The Learning Brain
- # Lesson Planning
- # People Influential in Home Education
- # Unit Studies
- # Support groups & magazines
- # Teenagers
- # Tertiary Education Options
- # Learning Difficulties & Gifted
- # Programming Workshop
- # A Day in the Life of ...
- # Homeschooling in the Media.

The course is offered with a CD of notes.

Courses are run in the wider Sydney area over four days. Contact the HEA office for when and where the next course will be held. If you can arrange a group (min. of six) we will try to organize a course in your area.

Cost is \$100 (\$80 HEA members) and bring your children with you.

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The Essential Australian Guide

Many parents are choosing to look into different forms of schooling for their children. One of these is homeschooling. The beauty of homeschooling is that the range of education styles and choices is very broad. This has also been its greatest stumbling block. There has been no clear information about the different approaches and requirements for homeschooling for Australian parents and children. Until now.

This book will provide you with all the information you need to make an informed choice for your children. There is information about where to find the resources you want and how to cope with homeschooling. The legislation for each state is laid out in full. All the methods of homeschooling are compared and discussed clearly. All you need to do is decide... 'Why do you want to homeschool?'

HEA Members please quote your membership number for a 10% discount.

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HEA - Emergency Pack for homeschooling

'The inspector is coming tomorrow' start to home education. This CD is designed to get you through the 'inspection' process administered by your state authority with a minimum or greater length of registration.

The pack is a seven step guide to preparing for registration with the education authorities in each Australian state or territory.

Along the way we hope it will help you realize your potential as a teaching parent. It is not a 'this is how to home-school' sort of instruction kit. You need to get yourself educated about how children (and people in general)

learn and more specifically how your own children learn, in order to succeed in home-schooling.

The pack contains 7 steps, instructions for printing your programme and timetable. Programmes for English, Maths, Science & Technology, Human Society & It's Environment, Creative and Practical Arts, and Personal Development Health and Physical Education are geared more toward the Infants and Primary age level. A weekly timetable is also included. You can adjust, delete and add items to suit your family needs.
Cost \$45 (\$36 HEA members)

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When you get through the inspection process or if you're needs are not so urgent, the HEA runs a much more substantial and helpful **course to assist parents in Home-schooling**. The course is designed to aid parents new to home-schooling and home-schooling parents who are experiencing burn-out. See entry in Workshops & Courses section.

See also: **Homeschooling Together Resource & Support Van, E-Tap, and Nepean Education Specialists** in Books & Educational Aides section

Three R's Education Centre in the English section

South Australian Natural Learning Resource Centre in Accommodation section

David King - Educational Software Consultancy

This is an Educational Software Consultancy service that examines and caters for the individual needs of a learner in their home environment. It focuses on the Literacy, Numeracy and Cognitive skills of each learner and develops a new pathway for the student to connect with their potential, primarily via computer applications.

A 15% discount of the consultancy fee will be offered to all HEA members. Please quote your HEA membership number.

It also promotes parents to become positive partners in learning with their children, whilst cultivating a purposeful, supportive learning environment in the home.

A personalised learning program is developed for the student from diagnostic assessment tasks. Each individual program will be shaped to adopt one or more of the most effective software applications available in the market. This includes multi sensory products from award winning software creators like Lexia Learning Systems and EdAlive. The consultancy process commences with a free orientation to the scope and sequence of the service. From here clients can select the appropriate educational aspects they would like to pursue. Once programs are collaboratively installed there will be no need for regular intervention or financial burdens. Instead a simple monitoring process that includes award certificates and positive praise.

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La Retz Learn is a learning centre for students who are home schooled.

We bring to La Retz Learn, over two decades of teaching experience. During this time we have worked successfully with hundreds of students from a large variety of backgrounds.

The Centre caters for your child's various stages of schooling and learning styles. We recognise children of the same age are not necessarily at the same level of work, some may be ahead in maths yet behind in their reading.

We offer education in a friendly, relaxed environment, with qualified, registered teachers who are

Consultants to homeschoolers



passionate about teaching and are in touch with the Queensland curriculum.

If you would like to know more we are happy to talk to you on the phone or for you to make an appointment for a visit and free consultation.

A 10% discount is offered for all HEA members. Your membership number will be required at the time of joining the Learning Centre.

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Australian History - Janette's pictures

"How do I cover Australian History?" A question often asked by Australian home schooling families. I too asked this question and as a result, along with years of hard work and research, this project has come about. As I asked and looked I began to appreciate more and more our fascinating and largely neglected history. The people, the stories, the scenes and struggles and the only question

Social Studies

soon became, where do I stop?! These pictures or timeline figures contain 35 pages of informative pictures or scenes with accompanying rhymes and notes. They tell the first 100 years of our history. Copy and enlarge them within your own family for your children to use for colouring and artwork, to cut out and paste into history notebooks or projects or on a timeline posted along a wall. The content covers people, places, events and aspects of Australian History, please see my site for more information or to

place an order at any of the contact addresses below.

The price is \$46:20 (GST inc.) + \$2:70 postage around Australia. However, HEA Members please quote your membership number for a discounted price of \$42.

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Magazines & Periodicals

Wacky But True

is a monthly magazine aimed at children 8-15 years of age, depending on their reading age. It is filled with good clean fun and promotes principles such as care for the environment, respect, honesty, etc. Jokes, puzzle pages and quizzes are also included. Best of all there are NO ads. It's just quality reading with a wacky twist.

Normal price for a yearly subscription (11 issues) is \$49.95. HEA members special discount price \$46.95.

Kids love to read about the wacky and unusual, so we try to make reading fun for them. In this mag you will find heaps of interesting information - articles about nature and history - as well as bits and pieces about people, places and events. All written in a fun and exciting way to really grab the kids. Their general knowledge will increase without them even knowing it.

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Books & educational Aides

Special Needs

Easy School Books

are workbooks and activities prepared specifically for children aged 5-8 who have learning difficulties, and for older children who have an intellectual disability. The work in the books focuses on reading, writing and counting. Each page is presented in an easy to follow format, concentrating on one basic concept at a time.

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