

Homeschooling the Seton Way in Australia

by Pat Mills

As yet another school year begins, we may well be wondering how we will cope and how much we will achieve on the home education front. With God's help, I am sure everyone will make some progress, if not in academics, at least in character development and spiritual growth.

Having used the Seton Home Study programme for twenty five years, I often consider how blessed we are to have had such a wonderful course to offer our children. The best available material for homeschooling in each subject area has been used. It is all very user friendly. In the twenty five years, particularly the last few, many of the texts have been upgraded with beautifully Catholic ones of similar standard. Each year's work builds on the previous one so that the students can make steady progress.

For those who choose the complete grade curriculum, all texts, workbooks, answer keys and daily lessons are provided. The children love the routine once it is established. As they progress from lower primary, much of the work can be done with minimum supervision, if life presents interruptions for Mum. The set curriculum is a great way to go, particularly for someone just starting out. Also if one grade a year is purchased, you have it for all the younger children. It is amazing the number of young mothers who are choosing to homeschool, and to use the Seton programme to start their home education.

These curriculums are available from Kindergarten to year 8, and range in price from about \$300 to \$700, depending on the dollar value against the U.S.A. dollar. If you choose, you can enroll your child with Seton for testing and grading. This is done direct with Seton after you have purchased the curriculum. You can also enroll in individual subjects. For years 9 to 12 you have to enroll to obtain the lesson plans. This is a most satisfactory way to go, especially for busy Mums. The student is now answerable to someone else and has the expertise of the High School staff. Again enrollment can be in individual subjects. Most of the materials for years 9 & 10 are also available for purchase without the lesson plans.

All the texts used in the Seton curriculums can be purchased individually, so you can put together your own curriculum if you so wish. These can be viewed on the internet at www.setonhome.com.

The curriculums and texts are available from Pat Mills: Mobile Phone 0458485594, email rosepark725@gmail.com.

The students that have used the Seton programme have all managed to get into their chosen field on leaving home and are doing very well. There are as many ways to do this as there are students.

As more families see the Seton materials, they wish they had known about them earlier. For those who have been using Seton materials, Seton's new publications and revised texts are worth considering. Some of these are the beautiful Art Appreciation for grades 5 & 7, Religion for K to 7, Catholic Reading Thinking Skills 4, 5, and 6. Handwriting K to 5 now in copy book

style, World History for 6 & 7 and many more. There are also a number of Australian History texts with which to supplement the Seton programme.

If considering ordering any books , please call or email. Stock not on hand can take two to three weeks to arrive, so it is wise to plan well in advance.

May God bless you all and guide you as you continue to home educate your children.