

Meet the authors:

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I am a freelance writer who moved from London to Sydney in January 2010. I moved with my husband and two preschool children (aged 3 year and 18 months when we arrived). A few months after arriving I tackled the preschool search and shortly afterwards, transition to Primary School. I remember many sleepless nights worrying about school readiness, whether to choose state or faith-based education and whether I'd correctly understood the Australian system.

In the UK I contributed to a number of parenting magazines and frequently covered education news. I come from a family of teachers and have always had an interest in teaching and education.

In Australia I started a blog: "**Mum's gone 2 Aus**" which has fast become THE place to go for families planning their move to Australia (more than 10,000 visitors a month). The blog provides support, entertainment and critical information for mums moving to Australia. Education and childcare are topics we regularly cover, and increasingly receive questions about. The questions I have received, researched and responded to have taught me a great deal about the transition to school down under.

My aim for this action plan, in collaboration with Lesley Snell from Northern Beaches Know-How, is to consolidate the information we have already published, expand on it and analyse the impact of moving to Australia on children's education. I want to provide a 'one stop doc' for mums planning their move to Australia, to save them time trawling the Internet, and to support and encourage informed decision making.

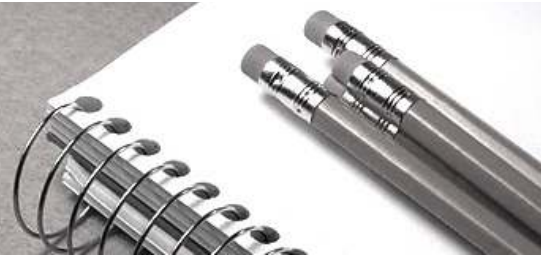
Lesley and I share the experience of having relocated to Australia with our families, but we each provide unique insights into relocating with children of different age groups (from preschool to University). We also share a desire to help others through the stress of making the right decisions at a time where there is so much to learn and consider. Did we succeed? Once you've used the document please send us your feedback, there's always room for improvement. Feedback to: mum@mumsgone2aus.com.

Lesley Snell from Northern Beaches Know-How:



I have lived in Australia for 14 years as well as residing in New York, Washington D.C and Miami for a total of 12 years.

I am originally from London. My teaching qualifications as a Primary School Educator have enabled me to work in the UK, Australia and USA. I now live on the Northern Beaches in Sydney with my husband and three children currently 19, 16 and 12. Our moves to the USA and Australia have necessitated my children changing schools at various stages of their education, and me organising the family's relocation.



In 2009 I decided to start my own business as a relocation guide helping families to move to the Lower or Upper Shore and The Northern Beaches of Sydney. I specialise in orientation tours and school visits for families who wish to come to Sydney for a "recci" before they make the permanent move. I have experienced the challenges of relocating a family and can help your move go a little smoother. I have assisted families moving from all over the world including the USA, South Africa and Europe with children ranging from preschool to young adults.


It's with great pleasure that I have worked collaboratively with Sarah Husselmann from **Mum's Gone to Aus** to produce a series of helpful and practical e-books to aid you in your move to Australia.

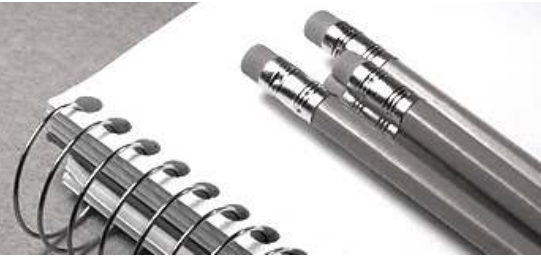
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