



Meet the authors:

Sarah Husselmann from Mum's gone 2 Aus



I am a freelance writer who moved from London to Sydney in January 2010. I moved with my husband and two preschool children. We arrived in Sydney with a shortlist of suburbs and schools we were considering for our family. List in hand we started looking for a permanent rental property in Sydney's Eastern Suburbs. Price and property availability made us widen our search area. We looked at over 40 properties before finding the property we are still living in today; it was a stressful time but because we knew what we wanted and understood our school and suburb priorities we were able to piece it all together and make the right decisions.

Shortly after arriving in Australia I started a blog: **Mum's gone 2 Aus** which provides essential support, advice and information for families planning their move to Australia: <http://www.mumsgone2aus.com> .

My aim for this action plan, in collaboration with Lesley Snell, is to help families understand what they want out of their home in Australia and create a shortlist of potential suburbs and schools. Things might not work out exactly as planned but listing your requirements and creating your shortlist is invaluable; we know from experience that it will reduce the stress of your family relocation.



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 qualification as a Primary School Educator have enabled me to work in the UK, Australia and the USA. I now live on the Northern Beaches in Sydney with my husband and three children.

In 2009 I started 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 "reccie" 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.

This document will help you clarify what you want from a suburb and a school. Whether you choose to do your own research or work with a relocation guide this completed document will provide you with something concrete to work with. I wish all my clients had one!

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