

## SERENE LIM (Freedom Within Structure: Planning Your Homeschool)



Serene has been a reluctant homeschooler of her 7 children, aged 11 to almost 22 since 2004. And therefore, her style of homeschooling is to empower her children to learn as much as they can on their own so that she does not need to hover over them. By the grace of God, she has graduated 6 of her 7 children from PSLE and 3 of her children completely from her homeschool. Her 2 older children are currently in Year 1, NUS, while her 3rd will join his siblings after his enlistment stint with the Singapore Police Force. You can find out more about over at her blog <https://www.BuildingUpMoms.com>

The topic I will cover is Freedom Within Structure: Planning Your Homeschool.

Structure provides boundaries allowing teacher and student, parent and child to flourish in a safe environment. Both know what is expected and this reduces miscommunication and unmet expectations. Freedom on the other hand allows both to explore and be creative. With this freedom and spontaneity to explore comes building of self-confidence. Can the two co-exist?

- i) Do you have a resistance to structure or too much attachment to it? Why?
- ii) How can we customize our day to provide structure as well as allow freedom in your homeschool?
- iii) How can we not frustrate our children's need to explore as well as get them to complete their assignments?

I hope that at the end of the session you can see that structure in your homeschool is not your enemy but a friend that provides freedom plus develops self-confidence in teacher and student.