

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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Partially Confidential

I would like to make a submission to this Inquiry.

My niece has been Home Schooling her two sons, for the past 4 years. I have regular contact with this family.

The two boys aged 13 and 11 are well mannered, polite and respectful. They are articulate and have good communication skills. I have noticed a growing confidence in their conversations and they are interested in what goes on around them.

When their mother first talked of home schooling the boys I had been concerned that they may miss out socially. However, the boys interact well with other children, regularly participating in activities and excursions involving other children.

They listen intently, and can understand and follow instructions.

Academically, I believe that they are both at the same level as their peers. They both read profusely.

Time spent watching Television and playing video games is restricted.

The boys are kind, obedient and good humoured. Their mother prepares a programme which is rich in variety, both socially and academically.

I have no concerns for the welfare of these children. In fact, I believe that they are well on the way to becoming very valuable adult members of the community.