

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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My daughter began home schooling her children about 10 years ago. She chose to home school as one of her children was struggling at school with learning to read and write. Maths was also a challenge. I must admit that I did not think that would be a good idea. I knew nothing about home schooling and as a migrant relied on the public school system to teach my own children how to read, write and do maths. I did not know that it was even possible to teach your own children.

It took less than a year for me to see big improvements in my grandson. I began to see that my grandson was truly benefitting from the individual programme that my daughter was providing. She made sure that he was taught the basic skills as well as taking him to social groups and excursions. At the same time I was also hearing from some of my friends that their grandchildren were finding reading and writing difficult and the problems that the children were experiencing. It was soon obvious that my daughter made the correct decision to home school my grandson.

My grandson is now a confident and intelligent young man. Anyone meeting him would never guess that he struggled to learn to read, write and do maths.

I can see that my daughter sacrificed a great deal to give her son the opportunity of a tertiary education. I congratulate her.