

**Submission
No 252**

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

Name: Ms Carolyn Ramage

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Dear Minister,

I am a mother of 5 children. I homeschooled all 5 of them for a total of 25 years. My husband moved around a lot with his work and home schooling enabled continuity and stability for our children. Over the years we had the privilege of meeting hundreds of similar families. A lot of these children suffered greatly in the system. Some were introverts, some had minor mental health issues, but most were bullied. They went on to thrive in their home environment and excelled scholastically. My children studied at home up to year 12 and went on to good jobs. The one on one attention afforded to a home schooled child cannot come close to any system environment anywhere. When a child is allowed to dictate the speed of their academic progress they feel equipped to handle whatever learning curve presents itself. There is no pressure to keep up or perform at the same rate as the mob. This is liberating and empowering. I have seen this over and over again.

I would ask that you think outside the box and consider the enormous individuality of the human race. Please don't condemn vulnerable children to the system which to them is a nightmare from which they never really recover.

Regards,

Carolyn Ramage.