

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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Many people choose to homeschool their child / children so they can be united as a family, full filling work commitments or travel together. For example when one parent secures a work contract overseas for several months, homeschooling makes it possible for the family unit to accompany the working parent, visit and learn from culture and environment and attend the many tourist places including museums, galleries, zoos etc. The learning opportunities are endless! However the present requirements about time 'away from a designated home' limit this fabulous learning opportunity and family unit time. To suggest that learning can only occur in the home is archaic and demonstrates both a lack of understanding of how real learning occurs and how we live in a technologically united world.

Our families decision to embrace 'learning on the road' has led to us choosing to NOT register, as we would be forced to:

- stay at home and split the family unit
- forgo incredible wholistic learning opportunities and
- be forced to instead apply and complete 'Distance Education', learning totally unrelated to what we are seeing and the geography, history, science etcetera of the area we are in.

As a family, we would happily register if this was changed, as we can see incredible learning outcomes occurring in our children whilst travelling and prefer to stay together as a family unit in our approach.

In a technological world where it is totally acceptable to run companies from an iPhone and rent desks in several countries or even work from a cafe table, it is unacceptable to accept the registered 'home' as the only place of learning and limit the amount of travel time families can take.