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## **INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING**

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My nieces and nephews are home schooled - we frequently drop in on them to say hi and see them in their learning room. they often read to us and show us what they are learning... I am frequently amazed at how advanced they are and often wonder if my children are missing out (they are educated in the public school system - where they are from time to time abused and bullied by their fellow students).

I feel the kids(that are homeschooled) have a higher interest in learning and seem far more confident than those at my children's school of the same age and grade.

My sister in law has such a vested interest in their success and often researches ways to take their learning to new heights and exposes them to so much of the community in activities such as dance and music. She loves her "students" far far more than my sons teacher loves him - to my sons teacher - she is doing a job. to my sister, she is raising a leader, a lover of education, heck, maybe even the next generation of politicians. She takes her responsibility so much further than any teacher I know.

I am so inspired by this way of learning and agree that more children should have the opportunity to learn this way - in such a nurturing and safe environment.

Homeschooling is a very valid and important education opportunity that should be supported - even encouraged - among parents as they consider their children's education source.

Furthermore as I look at how these young bright happy children are being raised (my nieces and nephews) I often wonder whether I would have had more to offer society had i had that same opportunity when i was being schooled? I think so.

I am a strong advocate that if any decisions are being made to restrict homeschooling children, those decision makers - namely politicians - ought to sit in my sisters lounge room and learn a thing or two!