

Submission
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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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I have been home schooling for 2 years and I use a predominantly eclectic, Charlotte Mason approach in my education. I currently home school 1 child next year it be will 2 children. I decided to home school because I would like to impart godly values, character & discipline to my kids. I saw that my son is a very inquisitive and bright child. He is very active and adventurous and I want to nurture that.

Home school was been wonderful for our family. Its main benefits have been the ability to spend more time together as a family
the ability for my child to learn at their own pace,
improve social or academic skills, hone their gifts and talents, confident in speaking to mature audience, loving learning, pursue interests.

As part of my education programme, my children attend:

drama/art/history classes with other home educated children

Science excursions

social groups

Physical fitness classes

events organised by the Sydney Home Education Network and other home educating families

I believe that the current registration process is too time consuming and is focused more on paperwork than in improving learning outcomes. I believe the Tasmanian or Victorian models are more appropriate.

I don't believe that BoSTES represents home educators adequately. Home educators need their own independent Board which reports directly to the Minister. This Board should have a support role.

Home educators need to be on this Board.

I would also like to say that homeschoolers invest their time in rearing better leaders in the future and it would be a form of encouragement for us if we we're given some reward in the form of allowance since we are committed to do this for the long haul. I have personally given up my career life to invest my efforts, time. In New Zealand homeschooling mums are given an allowance for the government to show that they are supportive and promoting family, quality education and better citizens.