

INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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To:
The committee

We are registered home schoolers. We are in our 7th year of home schooling, and we have six kids. We are of Aboriginal background.

Best things about home schooling:

- flexibility
- kids can go at their own pace
- less peer pressure and more harmony with the family's values
- more free time
- choice of curriculum components
- tailor learning program to child's individual interests and vocation
- more excursions and options for extracurricular activities
- more efficient and effective than attending up to six after the fact parent teacher interviews
- better family relationships
- comprehensive support network - can draw on those with more/different experience
- multiple socialisation contexts

Challenges:

- home schooling is a full time commitment, and requires community and government support to make the process as easy and efficient as possible
- exclusion from swimming and athletics for athletically gifted children
- no funding from government and no tax deductibility or rebates
- no option for hybrid program with part school and part home school
- inequality - we should be able to include other tutors in our education program just as schools do

We ask the committee to consider our input in relation to the inquiry into home schooling

Thank you
Merv and Sara Taylor