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INQUIRY INTO HOME SCHOOLING

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Hello,

I would like to refute John Kaye's statement about how home schooled Children are vulnerable to being abused because they are not being seen in school everyday.

The truth of the matter is, kids that are home schooled are very much visible to the community. I personally oversee about 6 home schooled kids as they attend our Church Youth group. I hear there are also some great fun home school excursions like out to IMAX Theatre, the fire department, Museums just to name a few.

A group of us also regularly visit home schooled kids places unannounced as they are good friends of ours and I believe the parents are more than capable to teach the kids. I'm pretty sure if you look at some test results you would find that the home schooled kids have no worse results if not better than those who go into Public/Private schools.

I think it's important to have homeschooling open as it gives the parents the opportunity to teach the kids where going to a public school or private school would pretty much be incredibly difficult. One family has kids between 3 yrs of age and 16 (5 of them too) You could just imagine the logistic nightmare to take all those kids to school everyday and back home safely. It also assists with those families who are just not close to a local school.

Do I see a disadvantage to kids being home schooled? Perhaps. The kids won't get as much socialisation with other other kids, however from what I've personally seen, I haven't noticed any antisocial behaviour. The kids will have plenty of time to socialise with other people during excursions and outings nearly every weekend.