

Education (General Provisions) Amendment Bill 2025

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As a home educating parent, I support the proposed changes in Clauses 9 and 10 of the Education General Provisions Amendment Bill 2025, which increase the compulsory participation age for home-educated students from 17 to 18 years. This change improves equity for many students by enabling them to apply for and participate in high school university programs, TAFE at School courses, senior high school competitions, representative-level arts and sporting opportunities, and access student concessions and financial supports available only to school-aged students. However, the amendment does not account for students who have experienced a delayed or repeated school year before transitioning to home education. Unlike schools, which allow a Year 13 or an additional two semesters by request, home-educated students should also have access to similar provisions to ensure they are not disadvantaged. I urge the committee to consider extending this flexibility to home-educated students who require additional time to complete their education.