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Forcing parents to learn a style of teaching that was written for large group presentation in blocks of 2 grade ages is illogical considering one to one education of home educated students often is accelerated learning. Plus many kids enjoy learning subjects not covered in their grade / younger years but only on high school curriculum. You can not compare home educated children to mains stream attending peers because the very nature of these lifestyles are different. Current annual reporting requirement for home education is adequate and ensure children are learning. It has been my experience that Home educated students can succeed in obtaining tertiary pathways without following the national curriculum format of "education" Home education should NOT BE FORCED to replicate mainstream day school. Australian Curriculum is ONLY useful for mainstream tomoderate themselves and denies individual students learning styles. Home Education is more than content learning!

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