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To the committee members,

I do not like your new Education Bill 2024.

I am 14 and I have always home-schooled. I have dyslexia and dysgraphia and my mum learned how to use a special program from America so I could learn, and it worked! I can learn in quiet and go over stuff if I need to because there aren't lots of other people in the room.

My mum runs home school groups for me and seven of my friends. We have so much fun. We do all sorts of cool activities together, like writing our own stories, putting on plays for the parents and learning about Olympus. My mum is always making the learning fun and everyone loves coming because we get to be together but it isn't boring like school. She makes it really hands on and we learn so much. It is for kids that are 11-14 years old and we study a book, like The Young Samurai, which is about 17th-century Japan. Ancient Japan is covered in the Australian Curriculum in year 8. I know because I researched it. That means that 5 kids out of our group aren't meant to be learning about it this year. But I know all the kids will learn a lot about it and remember it because of the way we learn and the activities we do.

I think we should leave things the way they are. My mum works really hard to make my learning fun and interesting and it gives me extra time in my day to do all my therapy. I have a condition called Complex Regional Pain Syndrome and sometimes I need a wheelchair. It is rated as the most painful condition that you can have. I couldn't go to school for 6 hours a day and do all of my therapy and rehab and do homework. That would send me backward with my walking. I would miss so much school from flares and pain anyway. At least this way my mum can choose the best time to do my learning work with me. If I was at school I would deliberately get expelled so I could be home where I feel better. You would need to send me to school by force and I will fight and refuse to go. Maybe just don't change things because my mum reports every year anyway and we make a plan together. Things are fine now.

From

Homeschooler for LIFE!!!!!