

Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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I have 4 children who have all been home educated at some time. My 2 older children, 1 whose only enrolment in a typical school setting was Yr 11 and 12. She is now studying at university and my other who was completely home educated became a qualified chef before turning 20. My younger children entered the school system in grade 3 and 4. Then came home again during the stress and disruption of COVID. One chose to return to formal education last year and is now in grade 11 (he has just been accepted as a member of the student council) while the other at 15 is more comfortable learning from home. We have never followed a specific curriculum at home, as they are all individuals with different learning styles. Our educational journey has always been based on interest and incorporating those into Math, English, Science then areas that wanted more knowledge about. I believe more people have turned to Home Education as their children were not thriving in the current system, whether it was due to the curriculum or social reasons. Over my own home education as a parent I have met and worked with many passionate parents from many fields including Education, who put in a lot of time, effort and research to ensure their child/children get a high quality education that suits their personal/religious beliefs and needs. I oppose this push for adhering to the Australian Curriculum.