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I am a mother who educated my five now-adult children through the whole of their schooling over roughly 25 years using curriculum I had chosen and tailored specifically to meet their individual needs, interests and goals. They have all pursued successful and varied careers and lives which were enhanced by their unique educational experience. Their careers include a qualified mechanical fitter and engineer who went on into management and is now in charge of a large team performing maintenance overhauls; a musician who is completing a doctorate in music and teaches and performs full time; a qualified surveyor who currently works in GIS in the public service; a graphic designer who is currently undertaking a cabinet making apprenticeship to diversify into interior design; and a qualified mechanical fitter who is studying engineering. At the time that I was providing their education I valued highly the ability to choose and adapt a variety of curriculum materials into a programme that best suited their learning styles, needs and interests throughout their schooling. That flexibility was one of the main reasons why I continued with home schooling and why it was so successful. I believe it is crucial that home educating parents continue to have that flexibility of curriculum choice when they undertake the huge but rewarding commitment to educate their children at home.