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I am 12 years old and currently homeschool. I was at a state school for 3 years and in that time I wasn't able to learn much. I have a visual learning disorder and dyslexia. While I was at school I couldn't understand the work and it made me feel dumb, I would sit quietly at my desk all day. My mum took me to specialist learning centres which were an hour drive away. They taught me my brain was wired a little differently to others and that I needed a different way to learn. This place would give me resources and homework to do and I started to recognise letters, numbers and started to read. I would get very tired being at school all day and then doing this homework after. My mum took all the resources to the school and asked them to use them with me in class with a teacher aide, she was told that I had to do the same as all the other children even though I couldn't understand it.

My mum started to homeschool me when I was in grade 3. I like this much better. I learnt to read using programs designed for people with dyslexia. I don't feel like I'm dumb anymore. I am happy and have a lot of friends. I have lots of opportunity to learn with other homeschool children during the week, I go to groups for science, art, sport and drama.

After being at school and now homeschooling I believe I am learning much better at home and wish to be able to continue with my mum teaching me and using the programs we found that work for me.