

## Education (General Provisions) and Other Legislation Amendment Bill 2024

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Hello, We are a home educating family who chose this path as a way of life. None of our kids (aged 7,5,3) have ever been to formal kindy or school and we intentionally chose to home educate for a couple reasons:1: flexibility to live and learn in any way we choose and the flexibility to change that if required. We are not limiting learning to between 9-3 on Monday-Friday. Learning and fun and life are inextricably linked and learning is never removed from meaning or context. My Children can progress educationally in their own way and be guided by what interests them and brings them joy. This means at times they will be behind the Australian curriculum and other times they will be very ahead of it. 2: for our children to grow up free from the pressure and comparison that abounds in school. From standardised tests and rewards systems, to behaviour modification and the "good kids and naughty kids" thinking, children in school are forced to fit into the moulds that school culture decides with little regard to their own personalities or gifts. Therefore, home educating can provide a path for true individualism and inclusivity. 3: time together. I believe the importance of good family connection lays a solid foundation of child mental health and future wellbeing. My children can grow up in a safe supportive environment surrounded by family, and other home educating families who love them, encourage them, contribute to their education and overall growth. In this environment they are free from the bullying seen in schools and the incredible social stress some school children feel. These are some reasons we have chided home educating as a way of life. Thank you