

**INQUIRY INTO VOCATIONAL EDUCATION AND
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Re: Access to TAFE for home schooled students.

My children have only started home schooling this year, and are currently of primary school age, but I hope that if they choose to continue home schooling they will have access to TAFE that is equivalent to the access of any other (non-home schooled) child. My understanding is that TAFE can be a critical pathway for home schooled students wanting to undertake further education when they don't have a HSC, and also a way to enrich their schooling. It can be a difficult decision to home school, and there are already a lot of potential financial costs due to not having a school's resources available. All students should have fair and equal opportunity to access the TAFE system. It would be a shame if students felt they were forced back into (or to stay at) school so they could access TAFE when school is a bad choice for them overall, or were forced to miss out on TAFE completely.