From:
To: House of Assembly - GAA
Subject: A place of nurture

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Re: A place of nurture

Dear Committee Secretary,

I wish to express the great value I place in the Christian school my children attend. When my middle son was going into year 5 we decided to move him to a local Christian school in North West Tasmania. He had been attending a public school in Ulverstone but was struggling with the social environment. To be fair, he wasn't exactly the target of significant bullying, but he was feeling the pressure of a social environment that was quite rough and demanding. At one point he was verbally intimidated by another student and the support that the staff provided was quite in substantial. At the Christian school the environment was much more supportive. We all realised that the staff genuinely do care for their students. Naturally there were many in the public school that cared, but at the Christian school that sense of nurture encompassed the whole school. It allowed our son to flourish. He is now in year 9 and we are very happy we moved him, as he is doing very well.

Sincerely, Dr. Peter Atkins

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