



# Info Sheet for Qld Schools

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## Unenrolling from a school in order to home educate

The following information is based on the Education (General Provisions) Act (2006).

Since parents have the responsibility of choosing the education environment of their children [s7(a)], schools do not have the authority to decline to withdraw a child after being notified of this by a parent.

When schools decline to withdraw children, they are hindering the provision of ongoing high-quality education to children who are transitioning to home education.

### In the Act

- it is prohibited for a child to be simultaneously registered for home education and enrolled at a State or non-State school **AND**
- a child is not eligible for provisional registration or registration for home education while the child is enrolled at a State or non-State school (s.229)

As such, schools must immediately unenroll a child upon the parent's advice in order to facilitate the timely application for provisional registration or registration for home education.

When parents then apply for provisional registration or registration for home education, they are able to advise the Home Education Unit that they have requested the child be unenrolled from the school and the application can proceed.

Note also that the Act makes clear that the compulsory schooling requirements of s176 do not apply to a child

- who is provisionally registered or registered for home education **OR**
- if an application has been made for provisional registration of the child, but the applicant has not been notified that the child is provisionally registered for home education. (See s199.)

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