

STAFFING AT FAITH-BASED SCHOOLS

Faith-based schools are businesses competing in the open market of education.

This is not so much an argument about faith-based schools perse as an argument about the right of a business to employ people who are compatible with the ethos of a particular business.

As a previous businessman I find it repugnant that the government could say that I was bound by law to employ somebody whom I knew was incompatible with the aims of my business.

I look on faith-based schools as businesses competing in the marketplace.

They rise or fall on the quality of their service.

It is a known fact that many of these private schools attract students because it is the choice of the parents for their children to benefit from the quality of the education received in these private schools who operate outside the state system.

Like any other business the quality of the product, which includes the service provided by the business through the staff, governs the success or otherwise of the business.

The owner of a private enterprise should be free to employ staff that makes the business more successful, thus being able to compete in the open arena without government controlled restrictions on the quality of the staff that is employed.

Imagine running any business where the government could dictate the staffing.

It is a poor day for Australia when the state system has to depend on government controls to compete in the field of education.

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