


Single Sex Education

This task is about writing an argument, discussing, and defending your point of view.

In the future, the chances are you will have to make a choice about how your son or daughter will be educated. From your school experiences, argue the case for or against single sex education. You may use the quotes below to help you form your argument.



In co-educational schools, girls achieve much better than boys in exams.
(Parent, Board of Trustees)

The under achievement of boys is an issue in New Zealand at the moment. It used to be the other way round.
(Parent)

We will out-perform any single sex college in the country.
(Principal, Co-ed High School)

Having boys around sure does make some girls more mellow.
(Kiri, 14)

Boys in single sex schools achieve better exam results than boys in co-educational schools.
(Principal)

I really like the peace and quiet of not having boys always trying to be cool.
(Melissa, 15)

Girls just mess up our sports with their use of the playing field for their bad soccer and pathetic hockey. I wish I was at a boys' school where sport gets a fair go.
(Jack, 15)

I like being at a school with boys and girls. It's like the real world. We learn to get on with everyone.
(Nick, 17)

If you would like to know more about the features of an argument, ask your teacher for Writing an argument - Learning intention guide .