

## **ATA Facts Sheet 4 In-home tuition and getting a tutor from an agency**

Many parents opt for in-home tuition instead of sending their students to a coaching college or tutoring business. They may feel more comfortable having their children tutored in familiar surroundings. Parents can protect their children and maximise the benefits from tutoring if they approach in-home tutoring as follows:

- Interview the tutor face-to-face. If a parent utilises an agency then they must ensure that the agency has done the following:
  - Interviewed the tutor face-to-face
  - Conducted reference checks
  - Performed the relevant child protection screening
- The qualifications and experience of the tutor should be disclosed.
- Tutoring should NOT take place in the student's bedroom. Tutoring should take place in an open area where the parent/guardian can view and hear the process. Generally, the dining area or at the kitchen table is appropriate in this regard.
- A parent/guardian should be present during the tutoring session and be able to sign off every session that the student has with the tutor. This will preclude the possibility of the tutor being left alone in a house with the student.

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