Good schools are our best-kept secret

It's great to see two of the district's public co-educational comprehensive high schools get such good coverage in the Northern District Times.

Hunters Hill and Marsden High Schools don't often get the press they deserve. They are, therefore, the best kept secrets of the educational world in this area.

What makes a good school? David Gillespie's recent book on the subject tells us what every parent knows - caring, committed and inspiring teachers.

And how do you find out if a school has these? You visit. You don't listen to gossip or make judgments based on the wearing of school uniforms.

Ask to visit on a normal day, not only on Open Days. Walk the corridors and listen. How do I know all this? Over forty years as a teacher.

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