**“I’d rather take my kids to a public school than a state-run one”**

Social division between Public and State schools has been caused these days, with big demonstrations being organised to support the two education systems because the government has a short budget for education. In such way, the headline expression, that I heard last afternoon, is an example of this situation. But are Private schools better than Public ones? What is the best choice?

The most important advantage of Public schools is that many of them have better facilities and there are not important discipline problems. Consequently their pupils are been taught in good conditions to get good marks. An additional advantage of choosing Private schools is that most of them are religious. That is also another issue because parents choose to send their children to a specific school which has a program and an educational philosophy with which they are comfortable. However, perhaps the most important and worrying downside that they are very expensive, even dough they are semi-private or state- supported schools.

On the other hand, most of the State schools, where student population tends to be more diverse, are doing an excellent job. A Private education is usually out of search for poorer students. If you want that your children to know children from different races and socioeconomic backgrounds, then State school is for you.

To sum up, although Public and State education have advantages and disadvantages, I believe that there is not perfect system and that diversity of schools, freedom of choice, even competition, and top quality teaching from excellent teachers pay dividends.