

THE NEXT VICTORIAN GOVERNMENT NEEDS TO:

Continue a DET Common Funding Agreement with Parents Victoria for full term of their Government

Invest in and promote Family Engagement in Victorian Public Schools by funding Family Engagement Officers

Commit to fairer funding for our Public Schools to bring Victoria up to the national average

Commit to Public Schools having access to other nearby Private School government funded facilities at little or no cost

Prioritise school maintenance and the building of new schools for the neediest school communities in a fair and transparent manner

Attend urgently to the needs of our Rural and Remote School Communities

Continue and extend support resources and services of the Independent Office of School Dispute Resolution for families and schools

Retain and resource the DET Central Complaints Team to support schools and families in addressing complaints

Fund and promote outreach service programs for schools who don't have access to local services or clinicians

Further assist students from families facing disadvantage to fully participate in their education

At minimum continue the Camps, Sports and Excursion Fund (CSEF) for eligible families but ideally restoring a similar scheme to the EMA.

Resource the DET and the Victorian State Regulators (VIT; VRQA and CCYP) to meet Government expectations on Child Safety Standards in our school's post State Inquiry and Royal Commissions to meet the demand on their services as a result

Commit to supporting LGBTIQ+ students, teachers & families

Continue and strengthen the Marrung Plan and access to Aboriginal Languages and Culture in the Victorian Curriculum <https://www.vcaa.vic.edu.au/Pages/earlyyears/aboriginal-languages-cultures.aspx>

Be consultative with education stakeholders

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Continue with existing educational programs and student support services where they are working well in school communities

Commit to seeing students/families are no longer excluded from their education, based on schools not having the support services required to cater for them (PV see this all too often)

Commit to making sure future school governance obligations are met with the required induction and training for parent volunteers to be attracted, sustained and supported in the role of a school councillor

Promote, recognise and support parent volunteers in Parent Clubs to continue their substantial voluntary goodwill in supporting our schools

Commit to reducing the impacts of rising school costs and financial expectations on families to pay for the shortfall in budgets of Public Schools to deliver a quality public education

Maintain the current rule that Special Religious Instruction (SRI) is only offered in Public Schools if scheduled outside of the regular curriculum timetable

Ensure all students, irrespective of class, race, disability, culture, sexual orientation or gender should, as a result of schooling, have access to knowledge and skills which will enable them to control their own lives and to collectively participate in shaping society

It is the responsibility of governments and school systems to ensure that students from educationally disadvantaged groups experience success in schooling by developing appropriate structures which enable the participation of parents and students in curriculum and school organisations.

Parents Victoria expects the newly elected Victorian Government to continue with existing successful programs and not waste dollars on more education reviews or rebranding initiatives for their own political agendas.