## VASSP Table of Victorian Election Commitments to Education 2014

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| Buildings and infrastructure | • Mr Andrews promises a $1.3 billion education and skills package which included $510 million for government schools, and $50 million to kindergartens, to kick start a rebuilding program.  
• $51m to rebuild and upgrade state schools  
• $125m to establish 10 regional tech schools  
• $50 million to upgrade and build kinders across our state  
• $120 million to build and upgrade Catholic and Independent schools across the state. “Labor will also provide long-term funding certainty for non- | • A re-elected Napthine Government promises to spend $5.4 billion on education, including:  
  ○ $4.2 billion on primary, secondary and early childhood education over four years as part of the Gonski funding.  
  ○ $1.2 billion for new schools and upgrades at more than 200 schools, including $12 million for two new school leadership camps.  
  • Building 24 new schools and major upgrades to hundreds of others. The Premier said he expected | • Schools funding provided on the basis of need and equity.  
• Action now to address the backlog in school maintenance and allocate resources to fix school buildings and provide new facilities based on need. | • Labor: Students will remain at their local secondary school and just spend a “set period of time” at the tech schools. [The Age 28/10]  
• Greens: No dollar amounts on any promises.  
• Money for Catholic and “needy “ independent schools the same from both major parties ($120m)  
• Liberal total dollars includes money associated with Gonski reforms.  
• Both parties are aware of the importance of Education policies to voters and have promised large amounts of money for schools.  
• Both parties also tend to announce total dollars and |
government schools."

that 250 to 400 schools would be built or upgraded in the next four years under the Coalition's promise.

- 13 new schools through public-private partnerships (included in the 24 above?)
- $2.2m for 3D printers for every state secondary school
- $12.1 million to support the future growth of William Angliss Institute.
- $120 million would be provided for capital works for needy Catholic and low-fee independent schools.

then individual dollars on specific projects in favoured electorates, so it can be difficult to understand what is part of already promised money and what is an additional amount.

- In relation to school maintenance, Labor says: “The Coalition has failed to invest in new school buildings and consequently classrooms are falling apart and schools are in disrepair.” while the Liberals say: “Labor had left a $420 million maintenance backlog at Victorian schools”

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<th>Student welfare</th>
<th>$13.5 m for 500 breakfast clubs at disadvantaged schools</th>
<th>$20.9 m for First Aid training for Year 9 students will be introduced into all Victorian secondary schools under a re-elected Coalition Government.</th>
<th>Bring back the Education Maintenance Allowance to ensure all students can participate in camps, excursions and musical programs.</th>
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<td>$150 m for camps, sports and excursions fund</td>
<td>Smaller class sizes so students get the best</td>
<td>Labor Party: Sensible to use State Schools Relief for partnership - they have the</td>
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<td>$15.5m partnership with State Schools Relief for uniforms and shoes</td>
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- **$500k for free eye tests and glasses for 250 disadvantaged schools**
- **Support the expansion of Primary Welfare Officers across Victoria**

**Approximately 66,000 Victorians** will receive first aid training every year, starting in 2015. *(The Nationals policy outlined here)*

- The Coalition has promised to give every state primary school access to welfare officers if it is re-elected, expanding on a commitment it made four years ago in opposition. The government would commit $78 million over four years for the primary welfare officers.

**Outcomes and educator workloads are manageable.**

- Liberal Party: Welfare Officers promise extends promise made at previous election. Labor supports this, but no specific dollars attached.

**$320m TAFE rescue package.** Included in that amount, Labor is promising funding for campuses in Moorabbin, Frankston, Ballarat and Lilydale as part of a $100 million package to rebuild facilities and reopen sites. Labor has pledged $10 million to reopen the vacant Swinburne University campus, $25 million to rebuild Chisholm.

- **$5.4 million so that four-year-old children can begin learning a second language at their local community language school.**
- From 2015 the Northern Hemisphere VCE Timetable will run from September 2015 to June 2016 for Unit 1 and 2 VCE subjects. A timetable for Unit 3 and 4 subjects will follow from September.

**The Greens will make our public TAFEs the priority and restore core funding. We will prioritise funding for public TAFE ahead of for-profit private providers and restore fee concessions to reduce study costs.**

- The Greens: closer to Labor than to the Coalition on TAFE funding and may therefore support Labor if there were to be a minority government with the Greens having the balance of power?
- Liberal: Language Teaching effectiveness difficult to monitor in community schools? What outcomes are expected for this money?
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<th>Leadership and</th>
<th>• TAFE in the marginal seat of Frankston, $8 million for a new student hub at Holmesglen TAFE in Moorabbin, and $5 million for an industry hub at Federation University TAFE in Ballarat.</th>
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<td>• Conduct a VET Funding Review to develop stable funding methods to improve Victoria’s training system, in consultation with public and private providers.</td>
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<td>• “Crackdown on dodgy training providers who misuse public funds to grant meaningless certificates.”</td>
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<td>• Labor will commit $24.4 million for compulsory half-day free defensive driving course for year 10 students. It will be a mandatory part of the the probationary licence.</td>
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<td>• 2016 to June 2017, with the first examinations in June 2017. The new timetable — which would run parallel to the existing VCE schedule in Victorian schools which take it up — will initially be offered with 12 subjects. Minister Dixon said the international expansion of the VCE will create more opportunities for Victorian schools to develop partnerships with overseas schools.</td>
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<td>• $11.4 million fund to encourage students to study a second language.</td>
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<td>• Liberal: VCE schedule options are interesting - may favour private providers more than government schools?</td>
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<td>• Liberal Party re Driver courses: Transportation Minister Terry Mulder claims there is no benefit in defensive driver courses for year ten students</td>
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<td>• Liberals claim that its reforms of the TAFE system are working, with increased numbers of students studying at TAFE.</td>
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<td>• Liberal spending of 11.4 m on encouraging students to study a language not yet explained.</td>
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| | • Liberal: No detail of
### Teaching

For Australia program, allowing up to 50 “highly skilled” university graduates to join schools as teachers next year.
- Greater control to school communities, better training, specialist science and maths teachers, and improving standards.

Promises about greater control, better training, specialist teachers and improving standards. Presumably means continuing the work of Victoria As A learning Community initiatives.

### And also...

- Adopt the best research in restructuring secondary education to provide a new focus in Year 9 on life skills and personal development experiences outside the normal school setting.
- $100 rebate on kindergarten fees for every Victorian child attending kindergarten in the year before school.

### What they didn't say...

- No comment on Performance and Development process
- Nothing new for TAFE