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KEVIN DONNELLY AND CORPORAL PUNISHMENT: TAKING PUBLIC EDUCATION BACK TO THE DENOMINATIONAL SYSTEM

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Kevin Donnelly has opened his mouth and revealed his colours- again. He told listeners to 2UE in Sydney that corporal punishment should not be a thing of the past, but with gusto tells about his sports master at school who took difficult boys behind the shed and threatened a punch up. He also advocated corporal punishment. [See http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/head-of-curriculum-review-kevin-donnelly-says-corporal-punishment-in-schools-was-very-effective-201407](http://www.smh.com.au/federal-politics/political-news/head-of-curriculum-review-kevin-donnelly-says-corporal-punishment-in-schools-was-very-effective-201407)

Obviously, his teacher training has not cut the nexus between the way he was taught and the way he thinks about education.

His ideas on this and many other matters belong in the bad days of an outdated religious or denominational system with its systematic physical abuse of children at school by inadequate adults.

This would not become a serious public matters except – Donnelly and his political master, Christopher Pyne are threatening to take our public education system back into this past.

WHO IS KEVIN DONNELLY?

He is the Catholic lad from Broadmeadows, who, after an 18-year career teaching in government and private schools, escaped into politics, the Catholic University and think tanking.

He is now placed at the top of the lobbying tree, as Head of the current Curriculum Review. In other words, he will be influential in determining what our children are taught and how this is done!

In 2004 he was chief of staff to cabinet minister Kevin Andrews, the current minister for welfare. In 2008 Donnelly established the [Education Standards Institute](#) (an organisation which “favours an education system based on ... a commitment to Christian beliefs and values”). He is also a senior research fellow at the Australian Catholic University.

DOGS agree with the Teacher Unions: Kevin Donnelly should be sacked.

See : <https://www.nswtf.org.au/news/2014/07/16/pyne-must-sack-curriculum-chief-over-corporal-punishment-remarks.html>

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