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DANIEL ANDREWS LABOR PARTY AND VICTORIAN EDUCATION

The Victorian Labor Party have finally woken up that the November 2014 State election will be a Public Education election. But, before public school supporters get any promises, the Catholic sector has got to be paid off.

Middling class voters are waking up to a few cold hard educational facts. When they consider their insecure job situation; the outsize mortgage and withdrawal of basic educational opportunities for their children, they long for the good old days of 'free' education – paid for with their taxes of course. The poor and downright disadvantaged have been confronted with discrimination for decades of Lib/Lab misrule.

Pressure groups are mushrooming in the inner and outer suburbs of Melbourne demanding both public secondary and primary schools - free, secular and accessible – the kind of schools their parents took for granted. These are the schools both Liberal and Labor closed and sold off as State Aid poured into the private religious sector.

So, on 26 October Daniel Andrews is pledging \$ 1.2 Billion to make Victoria the *Education State*. For public school supporters his package includes

- \$ 510 for public school and TAFE upgrades and refurbishments
- \$ 50 Million for upgrading kindergartens
- Funds for uniforms and shoes
- \$ 125 for 10 technical school centres
- \$ 320 Million for a TAFE rescue fund.
- A review of VET

See <http://www.abc.net.au/news/2014-10-26/victoria-election-20123a-labor-officially-launches-campaign/5841404>

BUT

Even before the campaign launch, on 24 October, the Catholic and 'Dependent' sector had been paid off. Not only will they receive continued substantial direct and indirect funding indexed to keep expanding. The news was leaked that they would be given \$120 m for 'capital' grants. In other words, the private sector will be paid taxpayer dollars to expand their already well appointed facilities. **Read more:** <http://www.theage.com.au/victoria/labor-promises-120-million-for-catholic-and-independent-schools-20141024-11bcis.html#ixzz3HZaFswv2>

Ho! Hum! Here we go. State Aid auctioning again.

PS. Who is Daniel Andrews?

According to Wikipedia

Andrews was educated at [Galen Catholic College, Wangaratta](#). He moved to Melbourne in 1990 to attend [Monash University](#). He was awarded a Bachelor of Arts degree in 1996 from Monash University. After graduating, Andrews became an electorate officer for federal Labor MP [Alan Griffin](#). He worked at the party's head office from 1999 to 2002, initially as an organiser, and then as assistant state secretary. Andrews is married with three children. He is now the leader of the Victorian Labor Party.

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