

POLICY BRIEFING
FREE EDUCATION
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CHOICE FOR EVERYONE- NOT JUST THE RICH YOUR CHILD'S EDUCATION SHOULDN'T BE DECIDED BY YOUR WEALTH

THE EDUCATION CRISIS IS REAL

Victorian school performance is falling. Test scores are dropping. Experienced teachers are quitting in droves. Parents are fleeing to private schools if they can afford it.

Meanwhile: Reports are of increasing bullying, violence, and political indoctrination in classrooms.

The system is failing our children. When parents complain, they're told to shut up and accept whatever school bureaucrats decide is best for their kids.

That's not acceptable. Your child. Your choice.

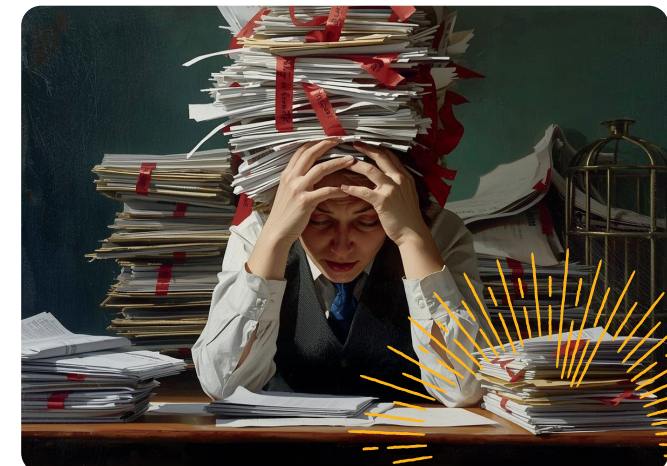
THE GREAT EDUCATION INEQUALITY

Here's the brutal truth: Rich families already have school choice. They send their kids to private schools, move to expensive suburbs, or pay for tutoring.

If you can't afford that, you get whatever government school happens to be closest - whether it's good, bad, or falling apart.

This is education apartheid - separate and unequal systems based on how much money your family has.

Why should rich kids get great schools while your child is stuck with whatever bureaucrats assign them?



THE GOVERNMENT SCHOOL MONOPOLY

Right now, the government:

- Forces you to send your child to the closest school regardless of quality
- Decides what your child learns through politically-driven curriculum
- Prevents good schools from expanding to serve more families
- Protects failing schools from having to improve or close
- Makes one-size-fits-all rules that ignore your child's unique needs

This isn't education - it's a government monopoly that treats your child like a clone.



WHY THE SYSTEM IS FAILING

No Competition = No Improvement

When schools know parents can't leave, they have no incentive to improve. Failing schools keep getting funding while successful schools are prevented from growing.

Bureaucratic Stranglehold means

Teachers spend more time filling out paperwork than teaching. Talented educators are quitting because they can't educate under mountains of red tape.

Political Indoctrination Over Real Learning

The national curriculum is bloated with political content instead of focusing on reading, writing, math, and critical thinking skills your child needs.

One-Size-Fits-All Failure

Every child is different. Some need hands-on learning, others excel with books. Some are ready for school at 5, others at 7. Some learn best in small groups, others in larger classes.

The system ignores all this and forces every child through the same factory process.



OUR SOLUTION: FREEDOM FOR EVERYONE

1 BREAK THE POSTCODE PRISON

End school zoning. Parents can send their child to ANY government school, not just the closest one.

Good schools will expand. Bad schools will improve or close. Competition works.



2 CURRICULUM FREEDOM

Dump the bloated political curriculum. Replace it with a simple framework:

- English and literacy - so kids can read and write properly
- Mathematics - essential life skills
- Science - real knowledge, not political activism
- History - actual events, not revisionist propaganda

Schools choose how to teach these essentials based on what works for their students.

3 UNLEASH EDUCATIONAL INNOVATION

Make it easy to start new schools that serve different needs:

- Single-teacher schools in rural areas
- Specialist schools for kids with autism or ADHD
- Technical schools that teach real job skills
- Classical schools focused on traditional education
- Language immersion schools
- Arts-focused schools

Let a thousand flowers bloom instead of forcing every child through the same factory.

4 FREE TEACHERS FROM RED TAPE

Cut the paperwork burden that's driving good teachers out of the profession.

Focus on results, not compliance. If kids are learning and parents are happy, that's what matters.

5 FLEXIBLE SCHOOL AGES

Parents decide when their child starts school (between 5-8 years old) based on the child's readiness, not arbitrary government rules.

Students can leave at Year 10 if they have clear pathways to work or trade training. Stop forcing unwilling teenagers through academic programs they don't want or need.

6 A REAL CHOICE THROUGH HOME SCHOOLING

Home schooling is and should be a viable choice. All parents and students deserve that choice. See our [Home Schooling Policy](#).



7 SCHOOL VOUCHERS - YOUR TAX DOLLARS FOLLOW YOUR CHILD

Instead of funding government school systems, we'll fund students directly.

Every Victorian child gets an education voucher worth their share of education spending. Parents choose on which school to spend it:

- Traditional schools that focus on core subjects
- Specialist schools for autism, learning disabilities, or gifted students
- Trade schools that prepare kids for real careers
- Religious schools that share your family values
- Homeschool cooperatives for personalized learning
- Micro-schools with small class sizes

Your child, your choice, your tax dollars.

WHAT THIS MEANS FOR YOUR FAMILY

- Same school choices as rich families through vouchers
- Escape failing schools without moving house
- Find schools that suit your child's needs - not bureaucrats' convenience

For Parents of Special Needs Kids:

- Specialist schools for autism, ADHD, learning disabilities
- Small class sizes and individual attention
- Educational approaches that actually work for your child

For Rural Families:

- More school options through distance learning and micro-schools
- Local schools that serve small communities effectively
- Choice beyond the single government school in your town

For All Parents:

- Direct control over your child's education
- Transparency - you know exactly what your child is learning
- Results-focused schools that compete for your business

THE CHOICE

Current System:

- Government assigns your child's school based on postcode
- One-size-fits-all curriculum ignores individual needs
- Failing schools stay open, good schools can't expand
- Political indoctrination instead of real education
- Teacher talent wasted on bureaucracy

Libertarian Solution:

- Parents choose their child's school and educational approach
- Competition drives innovation and improvement
- Schools specialize to serve different student needs
- Focus on real learning skills, not political content
- Teachers free to actually teach



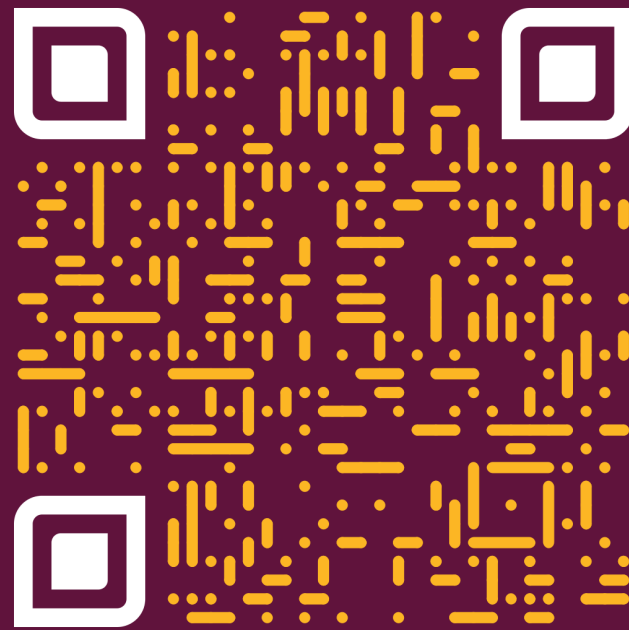
YOUR CHILD DESERVES BETTER

- **Every child has unique talents, interests, and learning styles.** The current system ignores this and tries to force every child through the same industrial processing.
- **Your child isn't a clone.** Your child is an individual who deserves an education tailored to their needs, not bureaucrats' convenience.
- **You know your child better than any government official.** You care more about your child's future than any education bureaucrat.
- **It's time to put parents back in charge of their children's education.**
- **Because when parents have choice, schools have to earn their business by actually educating children.**
- **And when schools compete for students, children win.**

The best schools should grow. The worst schools should close. Your child shouldn't be trapped by bureaucrats' failures.



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