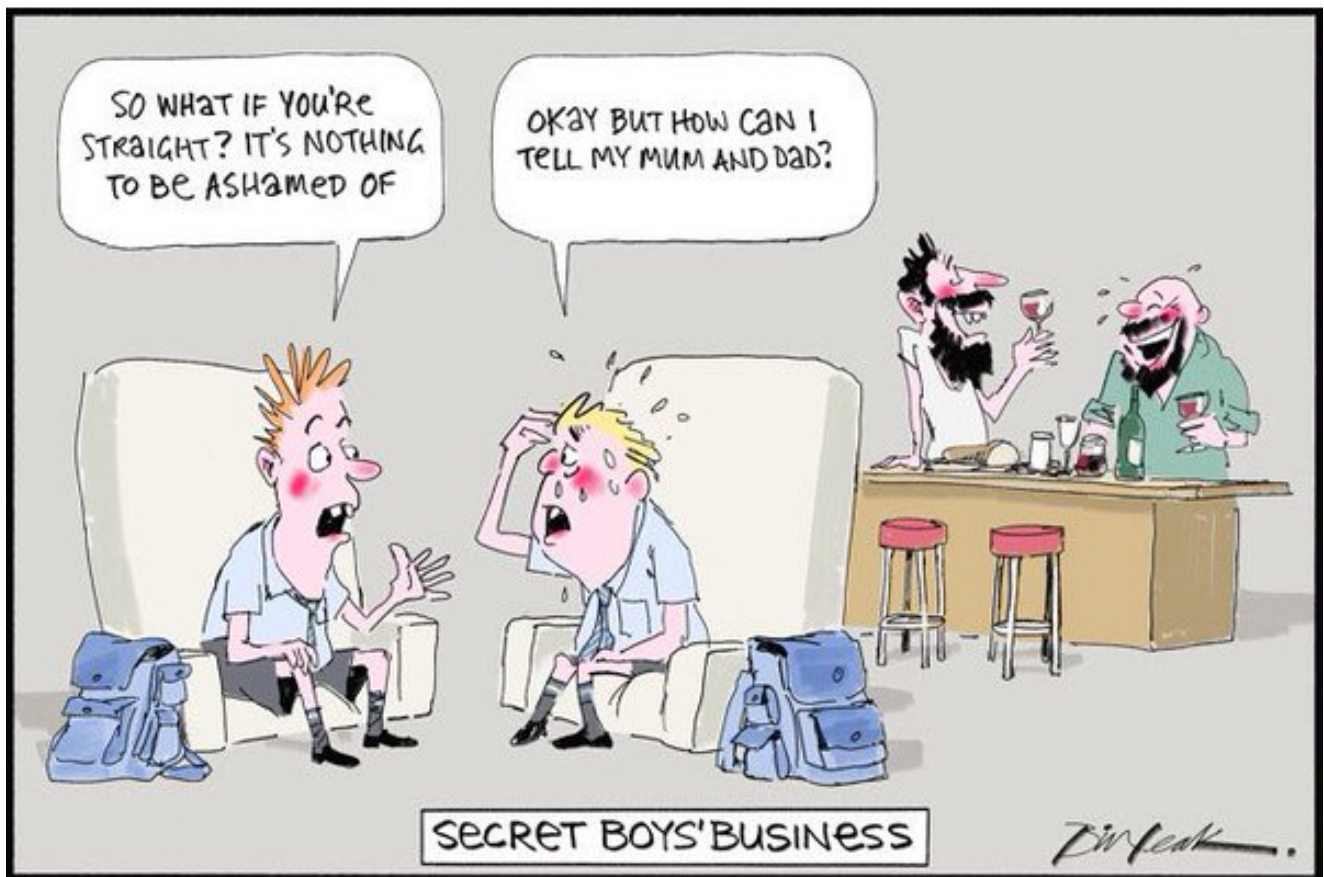


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## Un-Safe Schools

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In 2018 the controversial, gender-bending, so-called “Safe Schools” program will become compulsory in Victorian public high schools.

“Safe Schools” is promoted as an anti-bullying campaign for LGBTI students but it has been widely criticized for the way the program and its related materials promote cross dressing, teach kids that their gender is ‘fluid’ and provide instruction in chest binding (so that girls can appear as boys).

The Founder of the program [Ross Ward] has also stated that ‘Safe Schools’ “is not about stopping bullying”

All children should feel safe at school. No one should feel bullied. But students and parents also have a right not to be forced to accept controversial material that teaches kids that gender is unimportant and ‘fluid’.

By making the program compulsory in state high schools, the premier is denying parents their right to have a say about their kid’s education. Parents should have a right to say no to this material.

### ACL Press Release 9 November:

The Australian Christian Lobby (ACL) has called for the immediate withdrawal of Federal funding from ‘Safe Schools’ following fresh revelations that the controversial program was breaching directives from Federal Education Minister, Simon Birmingham.

ACL spokesperson for children, Wendy Francis, said it was clear the Safe Schools Coalition had been caught out by their own comments to pre-service teachers in October which confirm they were operating in defiance of its funding requirements.

“The admission by Safe Schools project officers that they were operating outside Federal Government requirements has left Minister Birmingham with little choice but to cut funding to the program,” Ms Francis said.

“Parents would be disturbed to hear that Safe Schools project officers, by their own admission, continue to operate in pre-primary and primary schools more than seven months after the Federal Government directed it

only be made available in high schools.

“It is also disturbing that Safe Schools project officers are encouraging teachers not to inform or seek the consent from parents before subjecting children to the program.

In March, Mr Birmingham made reassurances that children will not be exposed to Safe Schools material without parents' consent.

“This is not the first time that Safe Schools has fallen foul of the Federal Government directives,” Ms Francis said.

In October, following questioning at Senate Estimates by Nationals Senator John Williams, Mr Birmingham ordered the removal of material that promoted Minus 18, from the Education Departments Student Wellbeing Hub, which houses the Safe Schools material.

Minus 18 is an organisation that provides instruction to children on penis tucking and chest binding and teaches that gender is fluid.

The research underpinning Safe Schools was recently discredited in a report by Sydney University Professor Patrick Parkinson who warned that it was flawed and misleading.

A new report from the Australian Christian Lobby reveals how the Safe Schools program has resulted in bullying in schools for anyone who questions the LGBTI agenda.

“Parents should be aware that Safe Schools encourages teachers not to use the pronouns ‘he’ or ‘she’ when speaking to children and encourages schools to change their uniform and toilet policies to accommodate students identifying as the opposite gender,” Ms Francis said.

“Sadly the Safe Schools Coalition material remains captured by gender ideology.

“Right now parents are able to push back against the radical ideology underpinning the Safe Schools program but everything will change, if same sex marriage is legalised” she warned.

“Anyone who thinks the same-sex marriage political movement will stop at the marriage altar is sadly misguided.

“Promoting cross-dressing, use of gender-less toilets and

whole school participation in same-sex marriage rallies is not what parents expect from an anti-bullying program.”

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#### **ACL Press Release 10 November:**

The Australian Christian Lobby has applauded the actions of the 18 Legislative Council Members in Victoria who yesterday demanded that the Andrews Government immediately withdraw the controversial Safe Schools program from Victoria's schools.

ACL Victorian Director Dan Flynn said, “These MPs were standing up for thousands of parents who had not been consulted in the implementation of this program which is, according to its founder, Roz Ward, ‘not about stopping bullying...but about supporting gender and sexual diversity’.”

“The MPs voted on a motion from Democratic Labour Party MLC, Dr Rachel Carling-Jenkins, which called for the removal and subsequent review of the program,” Mr Flynn said.

“This is the first motion of its type in any Australian Parliament.

“The motion has elevated the voice of Victorian parents concerned about their children being taught that gender is fluid and that Safe Schools continues in Primary schools, transitioning boys into girls and girls into boys.

“We must remember that in Victoria the Safe Schools program still endorses material that teaches ‘chest binding’ so that girls can appear as boys, despite the Federal Education Minister Simon Birmingham demanding that these links be removed.

“Unfortunately, the Government, The Greens and the Sex Party remain together in supporting the controversial program and hence the vote to remove Safe Schools was tied at 18 all.

“Opposition to safe schools continues to build as demonstrated by the 9,700 Victorians who have signed an ongoing ACL petition calling on Premier Andrews to give the right to parents to say no to this compulsory social re-engineering.”

***Anyone who  
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*Source: [www.acl.org.au](http://www.acl.org.au)*

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