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**DATE: 15/09/2015**

**SUBJECT:** *Education State Launch*

**FOR INFORMATION / CRITICAL DATES:**

* *On 14 September 2015, the Premier, together with Minister Merlino, Minister Herbert and Minister Mikakos, launched the Education State investment in schools.*
* <http://www.premier.vic.gov.au/education-state-more-help-for-struggling-students>

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**LAUNCH OF THE EDUCATION STATE**

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Key features of the announcement are:

* An extra $566 million over four years and $171 million ongoing in programs targeting kids needing extra help at school – giving them the individual, tailored attention they need
* 21.6 million to help all 41,000 government school teachers teach the new Victorian Curriculum – including mandatory new subjects like digital coding and respectful relationships
* $82.2 million over four years and $24.8 million ongoing for approximately 150 locally-based staff to provide operational support and advice to principals, so they can focus on students
* $27 million over four years to train 200 Primary Maths and Science Specialists working in 100 of our most disadvantaged schools
* $12.1 million over four years and $3 million ongoing to double principal training numbers and increase training for aspiring principals
* $13.2 million over four years and $4.8 million ongoing to establish and operate LOOKOUT Education Support Centres for the 6000 school-aged kids in out-of-home-care
* $8.6 million over two years to re-engage Victorian students who drop out of school and training annually
* $18 million for a new online assessment portal that will help teachers track students’ progress against the new curriculum efficiently

You are all encouraged to distribute this information through your networks as appropriate.