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Independent Schools Union Launches Public Campaign Against My School

The Victorian Independent Education Union (VIEU) is stepping up its campaign to speak directly to parents, educators and the wider community about the Federal Government's My School website in the lead-up to the May NAPLAN tests.

Debra James, General Secretary of VIEU, said the union had grave concerns about the accuracy and misuse of the Federal Government's My School website.

'The My School website is flawed and totally unrepresentative of the learning experiences taking place on the ground.'

'If what we are aiming for is greater transparency in the education industry, the government needs to understand that this is not achieved by creating a limited and inaccurate picture of schools.'

'We are incredibly angry about the lack of consultation undertaken by the Federal Government. Even in the face of glaring flaws, Julia Gillard is refusing to listen to the people who know the most about education – teachers and their representatives.'

In conjunction with paid advertising and direct communication with parents, VIEU will be calling on its members to campaign within their school communities and with the government.

'We want parents to know that My School has an incredibly limited use. The best and most reliable dialogue you can have about education is directly with your child's school.'

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