

## **\*\*MEDIA ALERT\*\***

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# **#PashPyne - ANU students plant one on Pyne**

First year students from Australian National University today will plant a kiss on Education Minister Christopher Pyne at an O-Week kissing booth today.

In the midst of O-Week celebrations, first year university students will be kissing fee deregulation goodbye at a six foot tall #PashPyne kissing booth.

Education Minister Pyne's controversial higher education package faces stiff opposition in the Senate, putting an end to his dreams to deregulate fees. He has given himself a two month deadline to push through the higher education package, which goes before the House this week.

**GetUp campaigner Natalie O'Brien said:** "This is a chance to kiss goodbye to \$100K degrees and a lifetime of debt. Under the government's controversial higher education package, Australians face the prospect of exorbitant US-style price tags for university degrees."

**National Union of Students President, Rose Steele said:** "Students starting at university this week and have no certainty of what their degree could cost them, We are facing a future over run with debt and the government have a responsibility to fund higher education. Students aren't being listened to and are saying enough is enough"

GetUp and the National Union of Students have coordinated the #PashPyne kissing booth to make an appearance at O-Weeks across the country throughout February and March.

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