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TAXPAYER-funded ecology groups are coaching children to skip school again next month, giving them detailed instructions on how to play truant, make posters and organise "mass rallies" for a climate change protest march.

The well-rehearsed campaign even provides "phone scripts" and "best message cycles" for children to convince their friends to come and tell them to fill out formal letters to school principals for the March 15 school strike.

Despite claims the walkout is being "innocent" and "for" vulnerable students, The Daily Telegraph has uncovered exclusive links between the hardline Australian Youth Climate Coalition (AYCC) and websites providing logistics for the protest march.

It follows a similar strike in November, when thousands of placard-wielding students across Australia missed school to take to the streets.

Last night, students at the Albert Park campus of the University of Melbourne said they supported the AYCC's efforts to bring attention to climate change.

"This is nothing but a publicity stunt by a group of students who are trying to make a difference," said one student.

"If you really want to make a difference, you should be doing it in a constructive way, not by disrupting schools and risking arrests," said another.

Despite this, the AYCC has denied any connection to the protests.

"We are a group of students who are passionate about fighting climate change," said a spokesperson.

"Our aim is to raise awareness and encourage action on this critical issue."

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