



QTU Organiser
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Term 2, 2022

It has been a hectic first term and indeed continues to be a challenging time in schools this term. While COVID continues to have impacts on staff absences and available replacement staff, the QTU is continuing to negotiate a new agreement for state school teachers and leaders.

Labour Day 2022

Hundreds of QTU members joined together to take to the streets as part of the annual Labour Day march on Monday 2 May. This was a great day (as it always is) for all with food, drinks and rides creating a real carnival atmosphere for the family. Please come along next year – the day is for all union members (not just reps).



Key QTU events this term

Union Reps Conference	Friday 13 May	
Federal Election	Saturday 21 May	Every School Every Child Campaign
Union Reps level 1 training	Tuesday 17 May	See QTEC for schedule
Promotional Panel Training for QTU panel representatives	Tuesday 24 May	
Know Your Working Conditions and LCC training	Tuesday 31 May	

Enterprise Bargaining (EB 10)

Please continue to keep an eye out for our weekly EB campaign updates which come to you via email. This communication is the best way to keep across the ongoing negotiations. You can also find more detail and resources on our eb 10 webpage at www.qtu.asn.au/eb10. As our current agreement expires on 30 June 2022, there will be a ballot of members around this time around an offer from the employer and/or potential member action.



Every School Every Child campaign – Federal Election 2022

Every school should be provided the resources to ensure every child gets the best education, regardless of their background or circumstances.

Proper and fair funding would make the world of difference for state schools – new high-quality classrooms and improved school facilities and equipment, more teachers and support staff, smaller classes, and additional learning programmes to give every child the opportunity for a bright future.



It is important that we have the conversation about the funding for our schools, our students, our communities and our profession. Find out more at [Every School Every Child](#)

Health and Safety Representatives (HSR) in Schools

Members should be aware of their entitlements to a health and safety representative (HSR) in schools. The Workplace Health and Safety legislation sets out that each “work group” within a workplace is entitled to a HSR. More detailed information on this role can be found on our brochure at <https://www.qtu.asn.au/bradhsr-qtad>. This role is particularly relevant in light of our occupational violence and class sizes in practical subjects campaigns. Members or work groups interested in this role can contact the QTU for further resources and assistance.

What is QTAD (Queensland Teachers’ Assist Desk)?

The QTU’s help desk / call centre for members is QTAD, created to assist members with simple, quick advice over the phone or via email in relation to pay, leave and other working conditions. Our QTAD team are trained to be able to answer a range of questions by members and workplace representatives.

Topics regularly queried include:

- Playground duty
- Non-contact time
- Specialist teacher circuits
- Hours of duty
- Pay levels and increments
- Summer vacation pay
- Leave entitlements (including parental leave and long service leave)
- Contract and supply teacher matters
- Workcover, Workplace Health and Safety and rehabilitation

Branch Meetings in Term 2, 2022

The branch meeting is the opportunity for members to raise matters through the democratic structures of our Union. The branch meeting provides all members with an update on the latest information relating to professional and industrial matters. Attendance is important. If you haven’t attended before, come along to your next meeting with some colleagues. Mark the date on your calendar!

Branch	Date/Time	Location/Format
Inala District (done)	05 May, 4.00pm	Blue Fin Fishing Club with Zoom option
Macgregor Rochedale	11 May, 3.45pm	Sunnybank Community & Sports Club with Zoom option
East Brisbane	12 May, 3.45pm	Coorparoo Bowls Club with Zoom option
Runcorn / Sunnybank (combined)	19 May, 3.45pm	Runcorn Tavern with Zoom option
Wynnum	23 May, 3.45pm	Wynnum Manly Leagues Club with Zoom option
Camp Hill / Mt Gravatt (combined)	02 June, 4.00pm	Mt Gravatt Hotel with Zoom option

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