



October 2020  
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A number of events have had to be cancelled, postponed or moved online this year. There are now some scheduled or on-demand online training and seminars available this term, as well as some face to face opportunities now that these can again occur where COVID-safe plan venues are available. Don't forget to save the date of any events you wish to attend.

We have made it to Term 4, and now many are finalising the end of year plans for 2020 and student free days for 2021. With the Australia Day public holiday on the second day of the school year, Monday 25 January is a gazetted additional SFD and is flexible. As it is additional to the required 25 hours SFD mandatory professional development per year, the purpose of the additional five hours may be determined at the school level though the LCC, e.g. time in lieu of parent teacher interview attendance, swimming or athletics carnivals held outside school hours, other activities held outside school hours etc.

Congratulations to those of you have been successfully transferred or made permanent to a Queensland school for 2021. If you are moving residence or transferring for 2021, don't forget to update your details on the member portal, where you can also access your member details including information on your your branch and Workplace reps once you commence at your new school (you can request this via email in the interim if required).

## Preservice teachers and associate membership

Many preservice teachers are in schools early this term for their preservice teacher experiences (pracs), and if they are not yet an associate member of the QTU, please invite and encourage them to join.

Did you know associate membership is free while studying an education degree? It's easy to join online (using Google Chrome, Microsoft Edge or Safari, but not Internet Explorer) at [www.qtu.asn.au/join](http://www.qtu.asn.au/join), so they can start accessing the benefits of membership, including resources, before graduating and beginning their teaching career. If you or your school have a number of preservice teachers and wish to request resources such as the 'Beginning to Teach' brochures, please contact us.



Terri-Lyn Schulz, Woombye State School Rep and Nambour Branch delegate to Sunshine Coast Area Council with Riana.

## NAPLAN update

As per the recent [Newsflash](#), all QTU members are hereby directed to cease all activities associated with the National Assessment Program – Literacy and Numeracy (NAPLAN) for the remainder of 2020 and the 2021 school year. This is as a result of the ballot, in which 94 per cent of members who voted were in favour of the ban directive.

## Welcome to the foundation staff of our new schools opening in 2021

The construction is nearing completion and some members of staff have begun their roles at the new schools, with teachers and full staff opening for students at the start of next year. Some have come from local schools, and welcome to those coming from across the state to the Sunshine Coast.

## 2020 Term 4 branch meetings

Combination branches for end of year meetings with still occur, even though they may remain Zoom meetings instead of the added end of year refreshments in person of previous years. Potential venues with COVID-safe plans are being explored and any amendments will be advised.

Branch	Dates	Time	Venue
Maleny & Nambour Branches	Monday 9 November	4.00pm	Join Zoom meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/98832057105?pwd=S3pZVORKaWh5VTRDZkNvZGxMUWMxUT09">https://zoom.us/j/98832057105?pwd=S3pZVORKaWh5VTRDZkNvZGxMUWMxUT09</a>
Caloundra, Kawana & Maroochydore Branches	Wednesday 11 November	4.00pm	Join Zoom meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/95524925052?pwd=dFljTkdBcExqWE01OWIPZjdpaUdqQT09">https://zoom.us/j/95524925052?pwd=dFljTkdBcExqWE01OWIPZjdpaUdqQT09</a>
Caboolture & Morayfield Branches	Thursday 19 November	4.00pm	Join Zoom meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/99363263863?pwd=ak05bTQzQmlzY3hxd080NmhlK3B1dz09">https://zoom.us/j/99363263863?pwd=ak05bTQzQmlzY3hxd080NmhlK3B1dz09</a>
Coolum & Noosa Branches	Thursday 26 November	4.00pm	Join Zoom meeting <a href="https://zoom.us/j/96219838224?pwd=U3p2M21vZnFFSUNTSIIHbU5vR1BHUT09">https://zoom.us/j/96219838224?pwd=U3p2M21vZnFFSUNTSIIHbU5vR1BHUT09</a>



## Events and training: Term 4, 2020

Please note that any additional events will be communicated to members as they develop, including online and on-demand training. You can also book a presentation at your school, such as “Know Your Working Conditions”, “Rights, Roles & Responsibilities” and “Occupational Violence”.



[www.qtu.asn.au/occupationalviolence](http://www.qtu.asn.au/occupationalviolence) contains resources, including a self-paced online training program



<https://www.qtu.asn.au/QuEST> to access our schedule and information on the online and face-to-face courses available.

## Legal seminars – interactive three-part webinar by our lawyers, Holding Redlich.

The webinars will cover the following legal topics:

- Part 1:** Defamation - consequences and meanings
- Part 2:** Q&A discussion - criminal and disciplinary proceedings
- Part 3:** WorkCover

These webinars are made available only to QTU members. Disclaimer: all registration details will be provided to the QTU directly.

Unless otherwise stated, there is no cost to attend QTEC events and the QuEST PD costs below are the subsidised cost for members. Some Brisbane events have been included at the request of members.

Event	Date	Time	Venue
Sunshine Coast Area Council (elected branch delegates only)	Saturday 17 October	9:30am – 1pm	Zoom or venue tba
Promotion and Selection Panel Training – online part 1	Thursday 8 October or Thursday 12 November	1pm – 3pm	online
Promotion and Selection Panel Training – online part 1	Tuesday 1 December or Wednesday 2 December	1pm – 3pm	online
Promotion and Selection Panel Training – onsite	Monday 19 October or Wednesday 11 November	Full day	Mercure Hotel Kawana
Union Rep Training Level 1	Wednesday 28 or Thursday 29 October	1pm – 3pm	Zoom
Union Rep Training Level 2	Wednesday 11 or Thursday 12 November	1pm – 3pm	Zoom
QTU State Council (elected delegates only)	Saturday 7 November	9am – 5:30pm	Brisbane
Teacher Reskilling Program – ITD (4 workshop options and costs) <a href="https://www.qtu.asn.au/quest/tech">https://www.qtu.asn.au/quest/tech</a>	Saturday 24 October & Saturday 7 November	All 7am start with varying finish times	Springfield and Ipswich
Classroom Profiling Level 1 -2 days Milton - \$495 <a href="#">Register</a>	26 & 27 November	8:30am – 3:00pm	Queensland Teachers Union - Brisbane Office 21 Graham St MILTON
Classroom Profiling Level 1 2 days Sunshine Coast - \$495 <a href="#">Register</a>	3 & 4 December	8:30am – 3:00pm	Mercure Hotel Kawana Waters 9 Florey Bvd BIRTINYA
Legal Seminars			<a href="https://www.qtu.asn.au/legal-seminars">https://www.qtu.asn.au/legal-seminars</a>

**Need information or advice?**

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