



# COVID-19

## **IEUA CALLS FOR IMMEDIATE NATION-WIDE END OF TERM FOR ALL SCHOOL STUDENTS**

The IEUA's primary concern is that schools cannot meet either their legislative Work, Health and Safety obligations or their duty of care to both their employees and students.

Accordingly, the IEUA calls for an immediate nation-wide end of term for all school students.

Employees with underlying health conditions, those who are pregnant and those who provide care for elderly relatives within their own household should, with immediate effect, be permitted to work from home or granted ex-gratia leave.

There must also be an orderly transition to emergency schooling arrangements, including support and protocols for online/remote learning. There needs to be urgent discussions between government, employers and the Unions about the provision of emergency schooling arrangements for children of essential services personnel, including the terms of engagement for volunteer staff and a safe workplace environment.

Staff working in remote schools must be provided with immediate travel arrangements to their home or home state, especially in light of emerging border arrangements.

It's time to call time on term one now.