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Tasmanian Member Update - 23 March

Today, the Independent Education Union of Australia has called for an immediate nation-wide end to the school term for all students – [see the statement here](#).

It is becoming increasingly clear that Tasmanian schools will not be able to continue to provide a safe environment for staff or students as long as students continue to attend.

We are actively lobbying all Tasmanian employers in our sector to commit to ending the student term as soon as possible. It is time now to immediately commence the transition to remote learning and the planning for safe provision of schooling arrangements for the children of essential services workers. We also call on the state government to take decisive action on this matter now.

In the meantime, we encourage any IEU member who is in a high-risk category or shares a household with or has caring responsibilities for a person in a high-risk category not to attend their workplace. Should any member need assistance in negotiating this with their employer, please contact the IEU.

I will keep you updated as this situation develops further.

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