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## Professional Rates of Pay Campaign



## CHAPTER BRIEFING No. 5

### Statewide Chapter Meetings Today

### Opportunity to Support Professional Rates of Pay

Dear Colleagues

Employees in the non-government sector of education have the opportunity today in lunchtime meetings to send a strong message on the need for professional rates of pay.

#### Professional rates of pay vital

In order to attract the highest quality graduates to teaching it is vital professional rates of pay are available.

Currently graduate teachers in Queensland are paid less than graduate teachers in other mainland states and territories.

To retain high quality, experienced teachers it is vital that experienced teachers are paid professional rates of pay. Currently experienced teachers in Queensland fall far short of interstate benchmarks.

#### QIEU members united with QTU colleagues

QTU members will be taking industrial action in the form of a 24 hour strike tomorrow, Tuesday 19 May.

QIEU members will be holding Chapter meetings today to endorse motions of support for their state school colleagues and the need for professional rates of pay.

As well QIEU has published in today's Courier Mail (p17) a half page advertisement highlighting the need to value teachers and to pay professional rates of pay to all teachers.

#### Chapter action vital

All QIEU members are urged to attend and take part in their statewide Chapter meetings being held today.

Together the strong collective voice of Queensland teachers will be heard.

Kind regards

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Terry Burke'.

**TERRY BURKE**  
**GENERAL SECRETARY**