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## **QUEENSLAND INDEPENDENT SCHOOLS CELEBRATE SCHOOL OFFICER DAY**

Thousands of school officers across Queensland have been recognised for their skills, professionalism and commitment to education in schools today, as part of the Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory (IEUA-QNT) Branch's annual School Officer Day.

School Officer Day is designated by the IEUA-QNT each October to give schools in the non-government education sector the opportunity to recognise the important contribution school officers make in supporting quality education in our state.

IEUA-QNT Secretary Terry Burke said members were encouraged to host a celebratory morning tea today to thank school officers for their efforts in enriching the excellent education experience of our students.

"School officers play a vital role in our schools," Mr Burke said.

"School officers perform a variety of essential and diverse roles in schools. Their professional work in our classrooms, administration, libraries, laboratories and computer rooms combine to both enhance students' educational experience and support the work of teachers.

"These individuals are at the heart of successful school operations, and it is their commitment and support that contributes to quality education in our state.

"The day also serves as a timely reminder of the many enhancements to wages and working conditions achieved through union collective bargaining – and the fact that, both industrially and professionally, school staff are indeed stronger together," he said.

IEUA-QNT introduced School Officer Day in 2001 to recognise and celebrate the important contribution school officers have made to delivering quality education in Queensland.

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*"The Queensland Independent Education Union represents nearly 15,000 non-government education sector employees including teachers, principals, school support staff, grounds and maintenance staff, early childhood education staff and employees in business, international and English language colleges."*