



# Queensland Independent Education Union **MEDIA ALERT**

Wednesday, 21 March 2007

## **Rally to protest use of AWA at Shalom Christian College**

### **All media invited**

**WHAT:** Rally to protest the loss of working rights and conditions which would result from the use of Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) at Shalom Christian College.

**WHO:** Shalom Christian College employees, local non-government and state school employees and concerned community members.

**WHERE:** Outside Shalom Christian College – 190 Hervey's Range Road, Condon 4815 (opposite Brothers Leagues Club). Street parking only.

**WHEN:** From 4.00pm on Tuesday, 27 March 2007.

Education workers from across Townsville will rally on Tuesday, 27 March 2007 to protest the use of Australian Workplace Agreements (AWAs) at Shalom Christian College.

Members from the Queensland Independent Education Union (QIEU) and the Queensland Teachers' Union (QTU) will rally from 4.00pm to let College management know education workers will not accept its blatant attack on the working rights and conditions of employees and the quality of education provided at the College.

QIEU Townsville Organiser Patrick Meikle said the rally would coincide with the one year anniversary of the introduction of the Howard government's insidious anti-worker laws which promote the use of AWAs.

"Under the AWAs put forward by the College, teachers would not be guaranteed preparation and correction time, have their annual leave cut and provisions regarding class sizes would be lost," Mr Meikle said.

"Management's action in proposing these AWAs is completely unjustified," he said.

"As a result, education workers, both non-government and government, are understandably outraged by the situation and the actions of College management which place both employees' working rights and conditions as well as the provision of quality education at risk," Mr Meikle said.

Media interested in attending the rally should contact QIEU Townsville Organiser Patrick Meikle on 0437 541 168 for further details.

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