



Queensland Independent Education Union **MEDIA ALERT**

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Independent Schools Celebrate World Teachers' Day!

Queensland's independent schools will be abuzz with energy today as education staff celebrate World Teachers' Day.

Queensland Independent Education Union (QIEU) Secretary Terry Burke said 'Teachers Matter' was the theme of this year's celebration.

"This theme is a most appropriate and timely reminder given Kevin Rudd's Education Revolution," Mr Burke said.

"Kevin Rudd aims to improve learning outcomes in Australian schools but QIEU members know that this cannot be achieved by importing a failed model of performance pay for teachers or by identifying and publicising 'underperforming schools' through some simplistic leagues table."

Mr Burke said he had encouraged QIEU members to gather at morning tea today to thank teaching staff and circulate a petition calling on the federal government to better resource and positively support quality teaching and learning.

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"The Queensland Independent Education Union represents over 14,500 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."

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