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NON-GOVERNMENT TEACHERS WIN FIGHT FOR PROFESSIONAL RATES OF PAY

Experienced teachers across Queensland Catholic schools will receive a more professional rate of pay after breakthrough negotiations with Catholic employers yesterday.

The Independent Education Union of Australia – Queensland and Northern Territory (IEUA-QNT) Branch General Secretary Terry Burke said this fair wage deal comes at the end of a long campaign for professional rates of pay for experienced teachers in Queensland.

“After well over 12 months of negotiations, Catholic employers have finally put on the table a fair wage deal that recognises the work of their experienced teachers and recognises the need for professional rates of pay,” Mr Burke said.

“Members campaigned for professional wages because they want what is best for their students and for the future of education in this State.

“Members should be congratulated on this significant achievement, as their determination and action in this campaign has resulted in a significant wage position for experienced teachers in Queensland,” he said.

A revised pay rate effective from April 2012 will see experienced teachers receiving a rate of \$84,421 p.a.

IEUA-QNT members had previously taken industrial action in support of their campaign for professional rates of pay, including two stop work strike days in October 2009 and March 2010.

Mr Burke said members had campaigned since negotiations began back in February 2009 to deliver a clear message to employers.

“For teachers, this campaign has not only been about securing professional rates of pay,” Mr Burke said.

“Teachers joined together in a campaign to be recognised for their commitment to quality teaching in schools and their contribution to quality Catholic education in Queensland,” he said.

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