

# Queensland Independent Education Union

*“Non-government education works because we do”*

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## **Non-government schools to celebrate ‘Super Week’ 26 – 30 August**

### **Staff in non-government schools call for equity in superannuation provisions**

Retirement parties and photo shoots in front of a giant ‘Super Truck’ are just some of the ‘Super Week’ festivities staff in non-government schools throughout the state will participate in from 26 – 30 August.

Staff will celebrate ‘Super Week’ to highlight superannuation as a key issue at the next round of enterprise bargaining and to encourage employers to address the lack of equity in provisions between the private and public sectors.

Since May 2000, public sector employees have had access to an employer contribution of up to 12.75 per cent on the basis of a maximum employee contribution of 5 per cent.

Most Catholic school employees only receive an employer contribution of 9 per cent to their superannuation, considerably less than their public sector colleagues.

Mr Terry Burke, Queensland Independent Education Union General Secretary said, “after difficult negotiations, some Catholic sector employees have won an increase in employer contributions to 10 per cent from 1 January 2003 but most employers have been slow to recognise the need to enhance provisions.”

“Employees in the non-government sector are missing out on significant retirement income while they are denied access to equitable superannuation contribution provisions,” Mr Burke said.

“The ‘Super Week’ is a chance for employees to collectively encourage their employers to match the public sector’s contributions to staff enhanced superannuation provisions.”

Schools will celebrate “Super Week’ with Super morning teas and mock - retirement parties and some will even stage photo shoots with the Super Truck carrying giant red numbers reading ‘12.75 %’. The Super Truck will visit metropolitan schools throughout the week.

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