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Union absolutely rejects any change to end of scheduled school year

Members of the union representing over 17,000 teachers and staff in Queensland non-government schools have absolutely rejected any notion of an additional week being added to the school year in their sector.

Independent Education Union – Queensland and Northern Territory (IEU-QNT) Branch Secretary Terry Burke said the announcement that the school year is to be extended by a week in state schools was absolutely rejected for any implementation in the non-government sector.

“Our union absolutely rejects any change to the already scheduled end of the school year,” Mr Burke said.

“The state government clearly sets operational dates in the state school sector; it does not do so in the non-government sector.

“There is no need nor any justification for non-government employers to follow this silly and unnecessary step by the state government.

“IEU members are dedicated professionals who have put the safety and continued quality education of their students and school communities front and centre for the last two years.

“Any extension of the school year would be shameful lack of recognition of that commitment,” Mr Burke said.

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The Independent Education Union – Queensland and Northern Territory (IEU-QNT) represents more than 17,000 teachers, school support staff, principals and early childhood education employees across Queensland and the Northern Territory.

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