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Withdrawal of Citipointe Christian College “contracts” welcomed

The union representing over 17,000 teachers and staff in Queensland non-government schools has welcomed confirmation today that Citipointe Christian College will withdraw “contracts” which sought to avoid their responsibilities under anti-discrimination law.

Independent Education Union – Queensland and Northern Territory (IEU-QNT) Branch Secretary Terry Burke said the College was no different from any other education provider in the state, and as such, needed to meet its responsibilities under the Queensland Anti-Discrimination Act.

“Withdrawing the ‘contracts’ is fundamental to ensuring no student at the College is discriminated against on the basis of gender identity or sexuality,” Mr Burke said.

“If this brings an end to the matter of the ‘contracts’ and they won’t be revisited, that is good.

“However, if there is any attempt to revisit the matter, not only will it be an issue of discrimination but one that questions their responsibility, as a registered school, to ensure the wellbeing and welfare of students remain fundamental to any school-based policies and practices,” Mr Burke said.

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