



COVID-safer, In Union

The Australian Education Union (AEU) is over 5,000 Tasmanian teachers, ESP/support staff, principals and other professionals at public schools and colleges.

Together, we're working to make our workplaces safe, demand the resources our students need and win better working conditions.

Safer in union

Strong AEU advocacy has made our schools and colleges safer, here's a few examples:



Ventilation

From nothing to 8,000 window repairs committed.

In 2021, the AEU requested a statewide schools ventilation audit to ensure safe air in learning spaces. This won a DoE review of and a pledge to repair more than 8,000 unsafe school and college windows.



Purifiers

From none to every learning space

Again, initial calls from the AEU for air purifiers in schools and colleges were initially denied, but the DoE is now committed to air purifiers for every learning space that requires them.



Masks

From BYO to 1.6 million supplied

Initially, the DoE insisted staff provide their own masks but strong AEU advocacy has seen an initial supply of 1.6 million masks to schools and colleges. We continue to advocate for high-protection P2/N95 respirator masks.



Testing

Winning the RAT race

Rapid Antigen Test kits will now be available free to staff and students, with enough for two per week each. Unions have been the strongest advocates for free and accessible tests to keep us all safer.

More union wins

In union, our advocacy has secured many more improvements in 2022, including:

- ✓ Support for casual relief members
- ✓ Protection for highly vulnerable members
- ✓ Protection of Long Service Leave rights and entitlements
- ✓ Retaining isolation requirements for close contacts

There's a lot of unanswered questions and work to be done – are you in union to make us safer?

Join the AEU

Now is a great time to join the union that stands up for public education and fights for every child and every member.

With your support and voice we can achieve big wins for Tasmania's educators and students.

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