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Dear Bronwyn

Hello and welcome back to the second edition of Gaining Ground for 2020.

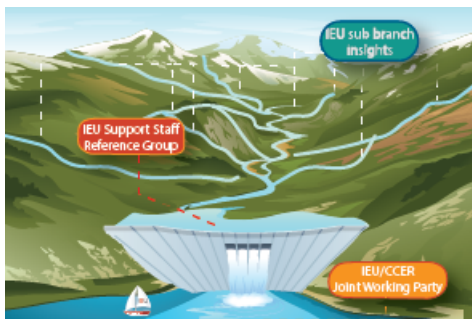
As the threat of a second wave of COVID-19 infections in NSW looms, and brutal cuts to the JobKeeper and JobSeeker financial support payments recently announced, good news can feel hard to find. Your union has maintained constant pressure on employers on behalf of you and your support staff colleagues; preventing threatened stand downs, securing meaningful salary increases well above inflation in independent Christian schools, and pushing forward the process for a similar claim in Catholic systemic schools through the development of a joint working party.

We hope you find this edition of Gaining Ground useful, heartening and informative. We strongly encourage you to send this news on to your colleagues, and if they're not members, talk to them about [joining the IEU](#).

The value of membership is clearer now more than ever. We are stronger together.

Mark Northam  
Secretary, Independent Education Union of Australia NSW/ACT Branch

## Latest news from your union



### We need your help

In pursuit of comparative wages of support staff in Catholic Systemic schools with those of Public Sector counterparts, the IEU and CCER have resolved to form a Joint Working Party, including member representation, to review and assess classification and wage structures.

### Union WIN: Independent Christian Schools support staff EA

IEU members in nine independent Christian schools have voted 99% in favour of a new Multi-Enterprise Agreement (MEA) for support staff.

### Take a look



### Why I am an IEU member

Meet Margaret Channon, a Learning Support Assistant at St Joseph's High School in Aberdeen, and ardent unionist.

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### Women working in boys schools

Join IEU women members discussing issues, strategies and support for Women working in

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# ENVIRONMENT GRANTS NOW OPEN

## Apply for your workplace

IEU members are invited to apply on behalf of their schools, colleges or early learning centres for one of three grants of \$3000 each sponsored by the union to help with their environmental projects.

Applications close: **Friday, 25 September 2020**

To apply please use the following link <https://bit.ly/IEUgrants>

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