

The IEUA (NSW/ACT) is the only registered union for teachers and support staff in NSW and ACT non-government schools

Registered unions, such as the IEUA, are not-for-profit, member-run organisations that comply with extensive legal and governance requirements.

A private business is not a union, red unions are not trade unions.

Our clear union difference: IEU vs a private business	IEU	Private business
The right to represent the industrial interests of all teachers and support staff in non-government sector	✓	✗
Recognised as the default bargaining representative for members and covered by our collective agreements	✓	✗
An automatic legal right under the <i>Fair Work Act</i> to represent you in workplace disputes, including at industrial tribunals and in the courts	✓	✗
Representative rights on school and sector consultative committees	✓	✗
A voice on professional and educational bodies such as NESAs	✓	✗
Full union recognition under the <i>Fair Work Act (Registered Organisations) Act</i> .	✓	✗
Right of entry to visit workplaces to hold discussions with staff	✓	✗
Formal recognition of Reps in schools	✓	✗

Private businesses selling memberships simply cannot claim the same industrial rights or equivalent legal recognition as the IEU.

The IEU difference is protecting your career and giving voice to your profession.



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