

## TIME TO VOTE ON A NEW AGREEMENT

### TEACHERS ENTERPRISE AGREEMENT BULLETIN 8/2018

This bulletin only applies to employees covered by the NTPS Teacher and Educator 2014–2017 Enterprise Agreement in the following classifications:

Assistant Teachers (Level 1 – 5)  
Classroom Teachers (Level 1 – 9)  
Senior Teacher (Level 1 – 8)  
Teaching Principal (Level 1 – 2)

Principal Level 1  
Executive Principal (Level 2 – 5)  
Senior College Teacher (Level 1 – 9)  
Senior College Administrator (Level 2 – 5)

### VOTE on the new NTPS Teachers and Assistant Teachers' 2017 – 2021 Enterprise Agreement

As reported in [Bulletin 7/2018](#), I put a proposal to the Australian Education Union Northern Territory Branch (AEU NT) on 1 May 2018 for a new enterprise agreement. The proposal is outlined in [Information Sheet 1/2018](#). I now request that employees approve the agreement by voting on the proposed enterprise agreement.

The agreement is made when a majority of those employees who cast a valid vote approve the agreement. If the ballot results in a yes vote, the new agreement will need to be lodged with the Fair Work Commission for formal approval. The 2.5% pay increase will be backdated from 12 October 2017 and all other new provisions will apply from seven days from the Fair Work Commission approval date.

If the ballot does not result in a yes vote then negotiations will resume, which will delay the pay rise.

### Official Access Period

On Thursday 7 June 2018, employees covered by the Agreement will be sent information regarding the proposed NTPS Teachers and Assistant Teachers' 2017 – 2021 Enterprise Agreement, including a link to a copy of the proposed agreement and an explanatory document highlighting the changes compared with your current agreement. Hard copies of these documents will also be available throughout workplaces where people do not have access to email. The access period ends on Thursday 14 June 2018. The ballot will open the following day at 7:30am, see the below ballot timetable.

Here are the links to the following documents:

- [Proposed Northern Territory Public Sector Teachers and Assistant Teachers' 2017 – 2021 Enterprise Agreement](#)
- [Explanatory Notes for the proposed Northern Territory Public Sector Teachers and Assistant Teachers' 2017 – 2021 Enterprise Agreement](#)
- [The Northern Territory Public Sector Modern Enterprise Award 2016](#)
- [Employment Instruction 1](#)
- [The Teacher Responsibility Guide](#)
- [By-laws](#)

## Ballot Process - Your vote is confidential

The ballot process will be conducted electronically by the Northern Territory Electoral Commission (NTEC). An email including a unique identifier will be sent to you at your government / nominated email address, along with steps on how to cast and submit your electronic vote.

To change / update your contact details please contact Sue Whyte at the NT Electoral Commission as soon as possible on [netvote.ntec@nt.gov.au](mailto:netvote.ntec@nt.gov.au) or 8999 7643.

## Ballot Timetable

Thursday 7 June 2018 – Thursday 14 June 2018	Access period which includes distribution of Agreement and explanatory material
Friday 15 June 2018	<b>Ballot OPENS</b> 7:30am
Friday 15 June 2018	Email out of electronic ballot forms to staff covered by the agreement
Friday 29 June 2018	<b>Ballot CLOSES</b> 9:00am

Ballot counts will be conducted at NTEC Offices in Darwin, Level 3 TCG Centre 80 Mitchell Street Darwin.

## More Information

The proposed agreement and all of the information you need to understand it is at the webpage dedicated to enterprise agreement negotiations [NTPS Teachers Current Enterprise Agreement Negotiations](#).

The website will be updated regularly with the latest information on negotiations, including bulletins, information sheets and other material.

Information on bargaining in general can be obtained at [www.fairwork.gov.au](http://www.fairwork.gov.au) or you can also contact the Fair Work Commission Infoline on 1300 799 675.

If you have any questions in relation to the Agreement, please do not hesitate to contact:

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