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State School Teachers' Union of WA

Union raising TAFE concerns over COVID measures

The SSTUWA is aware that TAFE members have serious concerns around the potential impact of Omicron in their workplaces.

The union is therefore actively seeking clarification over the health advice on a range of issues in TAFEs including:

- Vaccination requirements for students
- Ventilation auditing
- Social distancing
- Use of RATs in TAFE colleges
- Supply of PPE including masks
- Deep cleaning, including areas where multi-use equipment is in place

In addition the union is discussing with colleges issues such as:

- Provision of ICT equipment and support
- Staff shortages and movements
- Course delivery especially where multiple modes may be required
- Lack of consultation

Please note:
There is clear agreement between the DTWD, colleges and the union that lecturers will not have to teach mixed modes simultaneously.

Colleges have indicated they will be flexible in supporting staff who need to work off-site for health reasons to reduce their risk of exposure to COVID-19.

If you have additional concerns please raise them with your TAFE Committee or branch representatives.

Lack of offer prompts concern

The SSTUWA has written to the Acting Director General at the Department of Training and Workforce Development asking why no offer has been received from the government.

The union has also advised that State Council resolved in November to support TAFE members in taking appropriate industrial action in the absence of any offer prior to the start of Semester One.

Negotiations recommence tomorrow and TAFE members will be kept informed of progress.

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