

STRONG ACTION DELIVERING BETTER SCHOOLS

STRONGER PROTECTION



BETTER SUPPORT



SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

New circuit-breaking powers allow students responsible for chronic bullying and serious assaults to be moved to a different school



STAFF PROTECTION

We've introduced new protections for school and preschool staff and tougher penalties for those who abuse teachers and principals



ENSURING ATTENDANCE

We've introduced a strong new approach to attendance, including family conferencing and increased penalties for non-attendance



SUPPORTING STUDENTS

We've made it easier for schools and agencies to share information so they can support the safety and wellbeing of students



INFORMED PARENTS

We've introduced clearer rules for religious and cultural activities so parents can make informed decisions



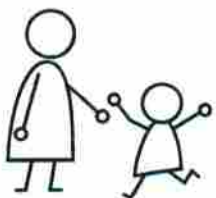
LEGAL SUPPORT

We've created an independent fund to aid governing councils in the resolution of legal disputes

The new *Education and Children's Services Act, 2019* will come into operation during 2020, supporting our ambition to deliver world class education.



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SAFE LEARNING ENVIRONMENTS

- We've created a circuit-breaking power that means a child can be moved to a different school for the health, safety and welfare of them or other students and staff in response to severe bullying or a serious assault.



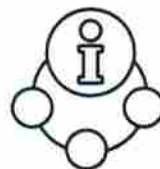
STAFF PROTECTION

- We're introducing tougher penalties against those who use abusive, threatening or insulting language or behave in an offensive or threatening manner to school staff – maximum fine \$2500.
- We're making it so all schools, preschools and children's centres can bar individuals for bad behaviour.
- Maximum fine for breaching a barring order will be lifted from \$200 to \$2500.



ENSURING ATTENDANCE

- New tough penalties for parents/ carers that allow a child to be chronically truant – maximum fine increased from \$500 to \$5000.
- Parents/ carers will be legally obliged to take all reasonable steps to ensure their child's attendance, making it easier to prosecute offences.
- We're introducing family conferences to support families to make voluntary arrangements to address chronic non-attendance.
- Parents/ carers will be required by law to provide a reason for a child's absence within 5 days.
- We're increasing the penalty for parents/ carers who don't enrol their child in school or an approved learning program – up from \$500 to \$5000.



SUPPORTING STUDENTS

- The department, government agencies, schools, preschools and children's services will be explicitly permitted to share information on the education, health, safety, welfare and wellbeing of a child to support their education journey.
- The department will be able to require parents/ carers to provide information, including medical and other details about a child, to help a school or preschool cater to their needs.
- Principals will have the right to request reports from a child's previous school or preschool to support the education, safety and wellbeing of the student and others.
- The department will be able to directly employ a broader range of staff in schools, including nurses, social workers, youth workers, psychologists and other professionals that a school community may need.
- The department will be able to offer special remuneration to attract and retain highly skilled school and preschool leaders and teachers.



INFORMED PARENTS

- Principals will be required to give notice to parents/carers of a religious or cultural activity so they can make informed decisions about their child's involvement.
- Children who don't participate will be offered an appropriate alternative activity and not suffer any detriment for not participating.



LEGAL SUPPORT

- We're introducing an independent fund for governing councils to pay for the costs of legal advice in relation to disputes with the department.

