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## **Statement from Edmund Rice Education Australia**

Edmund Rice Education Australia supports the guidance and advice of the Victorian Government and will only return to on-campus learning for its Victorian schools when it is determined safe to do so by the Victorian Chief Medical Officer.

EREA Executive Director Dr Wayne Tinsey said the leadership shown by our federal and state politicians, acting as the National Cabinet, working closely together over the past couple of months, has been deeply appreciated and has helped Australia successfully manage Covid-19 to this point.

"We look forward to this bi-partisan leadership continuing in the future to help get us to the other side of Covid-19, especially around the vital issue of the education of our young people," Dr Tinsey said.

"Students, teachers, staff and parents, across State, Catholic and Independent sectors of education, have all made an extraordinary effort to enable learning to continue during this time and I am extremely proud of them, particularly considering the difficult circumstances"

"We are also aware of the immense pressure these times have had on parents and caregivers and we are grateful for their support of schools".

Edmund Rice Education Australia has 8 schools in Victoria and 54 schools Australia-wide, educating 39,000 young people.

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