



## **Frequently Asked Questions About Fortnightly Professional Learning Afternoons**

### **Will students get more instructional time if we go back to the old timetable without the Wednesday Professional Learning Afternoons?**

All up, students will lose up to 15 minutes of learning time a fortnight if the current arrangement stops. They will get back the afternoon instructional time on the Wednesday and lose 100 minutes of morning class time over the fortnight.

### **What if parents have no way of caring for their children on Wednesday afternoons?**

The school has a legal obligation to provide care for the children at school until the normal leaving time.

### **Are there buses to take children home?**

The usual buses run at lunchtime on PL Wednesdays.

### **Will there be a cost for the buses?**

There will be no extra cost to parents. The free bus services remain free.

### **What will the children who stay at school do?**

They are supervised by teachers and teacher aides and are offered a range of activities. They do not have an education program.

### **Will it be the same Wednesday afternoon as for all schools?**

Yes, depending on their school community ballots. This enables teachers from all schools to work together at times.

### **Will there be a cost to parents for the children who stay at school?**

No, the school will provide the supervising staff.

### **Do many other schools have this arrangement?**

Yes, there have been a large number across the state with a number of timetable variations in place to provide professional learning opportunities.

**What if parents have no way of caring for their children when schools are student free?**

The school has a legal obligation to provide care for the children at school until the normal leaving time.

**Is this the only professional learning that teachers do?**

No. All our teachers are obliged to participate in professional activity days outside normal working hours equating to four days for a full time teachers. Teachers in the Raising the Bar schools attend up to the equivalent of five extra days and many teachers are involved in post graduate study.