Welcome to Term 2

Hello everybody, for our school-based staff welcome to Term 2, but to all other education department employees right across the state, I hope you’re doing well.

Thank you for the great conversations I’ve been having with all of you as I travel around the state. I have really really appreciated seeing the joy that you have in your job, but just also the really frank conversations that we’re having about the way we can best support you because you’re the most important people.

I want you to know that I’ve really heard loud and clear from our school-based staff that occupational violence and, generally, student behaviour are things that are really concerning you.

These are things that I’ve been discussing with the Director-General and the Executive team within the department and I know they have really committed to an employee health safety and wellbeing action plan.

I’ve asked the Director-General to move forward with a new wave of occupational violence planning.

How do we support you best on an issue which seems to be coming up a lot?

But, how do we make sure we support you the best to do the really important job that you do?

There will be lots conversations about that over the coming weeks and months, but please know you’ve been heard.

Thank you again for the lovely visits I have had, I’ve really been from the top end of the state to the other.

I’m trying to fit in as many school visits in as I can but also talking to people across the department, there are so many aspects of the job that you all do. Thank you for those great conversations.

Please know that I hear every single thing that you tell me and that I’ll always do my best to support you.