

## NSW LOCKDOWN EXTENSION - CHECKLIST FOR EDUCATION PROVIDERS

The COVID-19 pandemic continues to have a profound impact on the Education sector, with many of our clients overwhelmed by the snap changes and the issues that arise from changing restrictions.

With the Greater Sydney lockdown extending into the school term, education providers are preparing to return to online learning once again and, in doing so, are considering the impact on staff, students and the broader school community.

To support you through this period of uncertainty, we have created a checklist to help you focus on some of the key issues to consider as you prepare to return to the online classroom. Our Education experts are well placed to help you work through issues that you may require assistance with, including:

<p><b>Online learning protocols</b></p> <p>Ensure detailed protocols are in place to support and guide safe home-based learning and to reduce the various cyber risks that are emerging in this area.</p> <p>We can assist in developing protocols, establishing best practice standards for the delivery of curriculum online for students, parents and staff. See our article on this topic <a href="#">here</a>.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Provisions for mental health of staff and students</b></p> <p>With the uncertainty and threat of protracted lockdowns, schools and educational providers need to consider strategies and approaches to support the health and wellbeing of staff and students during this adjustment.</p> <p>We advise on developing strategies to effectively support schools including on isolation and communication arrangements, and flexible work arrangements during this period.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Anxiety and fear about the Delta variant</b></p> <p>Following the transmission of the Delta variant of COVID-19 in education settings, key messaging to staff, student and parents alike is critical to minimising risk and assisting communities.</p> <p>We support education providers through this process to develop policies to mitigate risk, as well as assist clients to communicate key actions schools are taking to avoid transmission.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>
<p><b>Vaccination rates and priority of teachers</b></p> <p>As the vaccine rollout ramps up nationally, there are key concerns in both the definitions and status of priority groups, as well as approaches to Federal, NSW and employer vaccine mandates.</p> <p>Our team advises on the obligation and implication framework education providers operate in and how to effectively balance risk with vaccination policies.</p>	<input type="checkbox"/>



### Cost certainty

We are willing to provide more cost certainty to our clients in these challenging times by offering fixed fee pricing arrangements to work through the above checklist. Many of our Education clients are taking advantage of this. We would be happy to discuss alternative pricing arrangements with you.



## **Our experience**

Colin Biggers & Paisley draws upon its extensive experience working with independent and Catholic schools as well as governing bodies to ensure schools remain compliant with the vast array of contemporary legal obligations. Unlike other providers, we work closely with most of the insurers insuring schools and other educational providers against legal risk and are on most of those insurance panels. This means we have a deep knowledge of the factors that influence litigation against educational providers and how it is often best resolved.



## **Getting in touch**

Please contact your relationship partner to see how we can help, or alternatively, contact the Education Team via our email address: [Education\\_team@cbp.com.au](mailto:Education_team@cbp.com.au)



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