



cleaners UNION



NEW SCHOOLS CONTRACTORS ANNOUNCED

On 10 February, the State Contracts Control Board announced the winners of the new schools contract.

The winning contractors are:

DET Regions	Areas covered	Contractor
Hunter/Central Coast	Newcastle/Lake Macquarie Maitland/Muswellbrook Central Coast	Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
Illawarra and South East	Wollongong/Shellharbour Batemans Bay/Queanbeyan	Menzies International (Australia) Pty Ltd
New England	Armidale/Moree/Tamworth	ISS Facility Services Australia Ltd
North Coast	Port Macquarie/Taree Lismore/Tweed Heads-Ballina Clarence/Coffs Harbour	ISS Facility Services Australia Ltd
Northern Sydney	Ryde Hornsby/Northern Beaches	Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
Riverina	Albury/Deniliquin/Griffith/ Wagga Wagga	Colin Joss & Co Pty Ltd
South Western Sydney	Liverpool/Fairfield Campbelltown Bankstown/Granville	ISS Facility Services Australia Ltd
Sydney	Bondi/Port Jackson Sutherland/St George	Menzies International (Australia) Pty Ltd
Western Sydney	Mt Druitt/Penrith Blacktown/Parramatta/ Windsor	Transfield Services (Australia) Pty Ltd
Western NSW	Broken Hill/Bourke/Bathurst/ Orange/Dubbo	Colin Joss & Co Pty Ltd

Frequently Asked Questions

1. Is my job safe?

Yes. Your current hours are guaranteed under the contract. Cleaners won job security in the 2010 Keep It Clean campaign.

2. What happens to my entitlements?

All cleaners are guaranteed 10 days' personal leave at the start of the new contract on 1 July 2011. Any outstanding annual leave or long service leave will be paid out.

From 1 July 2011, the contract cleaners' portable long service leave scheme that school cleaners won in their 2010 Keep It Clean campaign starts. All cleaners will need to register with the Long Service Leave Corporation to benefit from the scheme.

3. Are my current hours safe?

Yes, your current hours are safe. Cleaners won fair funding in their contract through the Keep It Clean campaign. Under the contract, cleaners existing hours are guaranteed. Cleaners also cannot be paid less or have less conditions than they currently enjoy.

4. Do the current number of cleaners stay on my site?

Yes. There will only be changes to the number of cleaners if there are changes to the buildings on your site.

One of the wins in the Keep It Clean campaign was that under the new contract, cleaners will now have an effective voice. The department will set up a consultation panel where all changes will be considered. School cleaners will be represented by your union – LHMU. Your input will be fed through your local ROC to the panel. Make sure you get involved in your ROC and have your say.

5. What happens between now and 1 July 2011 when the contract changes?

At the School Cleaners United leaders meeting in November 2010, some cleaners said they were already facing the situation where they were not getting enough chemicals and/or equipment was not getting replaced/ repaired.

Now more than ever it is important for you to get involved in your Regional Organising Committee (ROC) meetings.

ROCs start again in February 2011. Make sure you come along and have your say about the contract change. Everyone must continue to be active to ensure contractors comply with the new government contract.



Do you have any more questions?
Contact your Member Service Centre on
1800 805 027.