



2026 Distance Education February Report

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RICS Roundtable Meeting #2

A second **Remuneration for Classroom Supervisors (RICS)** online meeting has been scheduled for **18 March**.

Fiona Nash, Regional Education Commissioner, has convened this meeting to continue progressing the important issue of supervisors not being remunerated for what is a compulsory role under all Distance Education school enrolment policies.

The first online meeting was held on 27 October last year. We welcome the opportunity for further discussion and I will keep members informed of the outcomes.

Update on Motion A23 – Regional University Study Hubs

An update on Motion A23, presented at the 2025 conference. The reply is from Kristie van Omme (Higher Education Program Delivery Branch), highlighted encouraging developments in regional education support.

She states “There are now 56 Regional University Study Hubs (RUSH) located across Australia. Of these, 49 are open and supporting students, with the remaining hubs expected to open later this year. While the RUSH program primarily focuses on supporting tertiary students, many hubs also offer informal support to secondary students, for example, by providing quiet space and internet access, based on consideration of local context and factors such as student safety and capacity. This is in addition to the aspiration building activities that hubs undertake within their local communities. As of June 2025, 300 secondary school students were supported by Regional University Study Hubs.

This is positive news for regional and remote families seeking additional learning support.

RREd Day– Rural and Remote Education Day will be held on 16th September 2026

We look forward to Distance Education Schools once again sharing photos of their students, supervisors and families from far and wide as we celebrate the community spirit of rural and remote education!