

## Media Statement

9 July 2021

### Privacy Commissioner statement relating to the cyber incident affecting the NSW Department of Education

The Privacy Commissioner is aware of the cyber incident affecting the NSW Department of Education and understands that investigations into the breach are continuing and the Department is working closely with Cyber Security NSW.

The Privacy Commissioner will be monitoring the incident and is available to assist the Department as needed.

Recent cyber incidents that have occurred globally and in Australia demonstrate the increased threat that agencies and the public face from cyber actors, which requires all of us to remain vigilant about such threats and aware of the need for good cyber practices at all times.

The Information and Privacy Commission (IPC) has resources available for agencies to assist them with responding to and mitigating data breaches. A link to these resources can be found here:

<https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/privacy/voluntary-data-breach-notification>

A link to the IPC's Top Ten Privacy Tips for citizens to assist them to improve their cyber security practices to protect their privacy can be found here:

<https://www.ipc.nsw.gov.au/media/3205>

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**About the Information and Privacy Commission:**

The Information and Privacy Commission NSW (IPC) is an independent statutory authority that administers New South Wales' legislation dealing with privacy and access to government information. The IPC supports the Information Commissioner and the Privacy Commissioner in fulfilling their legislative responsibilities and functions and to ensure individuals and agencies can access consistent information, guidance and coordinated training about information access and privacy matters.

**About the NSW Privacy Commissioner**

Samantha Gavel was appointed as NSW Privacy Commissioner on 4 September 2017. Her role is to promote public awareness and understanding of privacy rights in NSW, as well as provide information, support, advice and assistance to agencies and the general public.

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