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Welcome

In this course guide you will find information on the range of education options on offer to you in Tasmanian Government Schools. Our facilities and teachers are world-class and you will be able to fulfil your study ambitions in a safe, incredible and unique environment.

The Tasmanian Government has a very proud history of welcoming students from diverse cultural and national backgrounds. Our State offers excellent opportunities for students to achieve their goals. A qualification from Tasmania will open doors throughout Australia and across the world.



On behalf of everyone in the Tasmanian community I welcome you to our wonderful State and wish you all the best with your studies.

Anne Ripper, Director, Government Education and Training International Tasmania

Why Choose Tasmania?

Learning through discovery.

- Qualify for Australia's top Universities: Tasmania has a unique system that offers you the best chance to maximise your ATAR (university entrance) score. Study in Tasmania's Government Schools and you may gain access to Australian universities like the University of Tasmania (UTAS), Australian National University, University of New South Wales, Monash, University of South Australia or the University of Queensland, among many others.
- International students make up less than 2% of the total student population in Tasmanian Government Schools. A very low proportion of international students in Tasmanian classes equals an excellent opportunity to build your English language skills and make Australian friends.
- Living expenses in Tasmanian cities are very affordable and our tuition fees are among the most competitive in Australia. As a student in Tasmania you will pay less for accommodation, transport and everyday items.

- Achieve your study goals in a safe, welcoming and secure environment. Tasmania has very strong community bonds, and is small and friendly. Getting around is easy; there are no traffic jams and our State is free from pollution in fact, Tasmania officially has the cleanest air in the world!
- No preparation courses: ESL is delivered alongside mainstream courses, meaning flexible intake dates and direct entry to Government Schools.

So why not discover the difference? For more information contact the Tasmanian Government's international education office – call +61 3 6165 5727 to speak with an admissions officer, or email info@geti.tas.gov.au





The Island State

Tasmania is Australia's only island state. Located just 240km from the Australian mainland, Tasmania offers a unique environment for study, work and for holidays. Gain your education in a place where modern urban cities meet stunning natural wilderness. The people are friendly, the air is clear, the culture is rich and the lifestyle is relaxed. Tasmania has something for everyone, no matter what their taste.

Founded: 1803

Size: 68,331 Square Kilometres (comparable in size to

Ireland or South Korea) **Population:** 510,000

Getting here

Separated from the Australian mainland by a stretch of water known as the Bass Strait, Tasmania is accessible by air or sea.

By air

The quickest way to reach Tasmania is by air. Australia's major airlines offer frequent flights between Tasmania and Australia's major cities. A flight from Melbourne to Tasmania's capital city Hobart will take just 50 minutes, and Melbourne to Launceston will only take 35 minutes. A flight from Sydney to Hobart will take less than two hours. Airlines Jetstar, Qantas, Virgin Australia and Tiger often offer sale fares, so prices can vary.

For information on flights, see the "Useful websites" section of this booklet on page 34.

By sea

Devonport, in the north-west of Tasmania, is home to the State's main ocean port. Two ferries, the Spirit of Tasmania I and II, operate regular day and night crossings between Melbourne and Devonport. Fares will vary depending on the type of ticket purchased.

For information on booking a ferry to Tasmania, see the "Useful websites" section of this booklet on page 34.

Our Main Cities

Tasmania's cities provide all of the attractions and facilities of modern western culture. Our cities are easy to navigate, and public transport is simple, meaning that in a short period of time you could be in the countryside, at a beach, or on a mountain.

The buildings in our cities are largely influenced by European architecture; on a quick walk along our streets you may see buildings ranging from colonial to ultra-modern architectural eras.

Hobart

Located on the Derwent River with the stunning backdrop of Mount Wellington, Hobart is a place where the urban landscape and the natural environment merge together.

Founded in 1803, Hobart is Australia's second oldest city after Sydney. As the capital city of Tasmania, Hobart is the finance and government centre of the State.

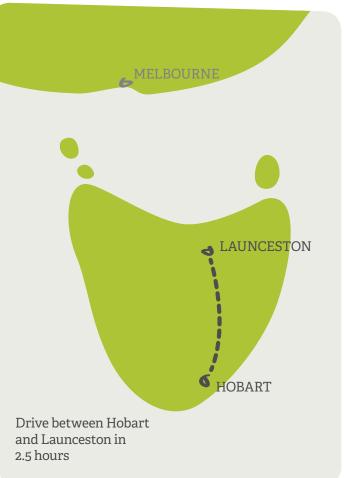
Home to approximately 210,000 people, Hobart offers you the opportunity to lead a relaxed and exciting lifestyle. Festivals, art and cultural activities, sports and outdoor pursuits are a regular part of everyday Tasmanian life.

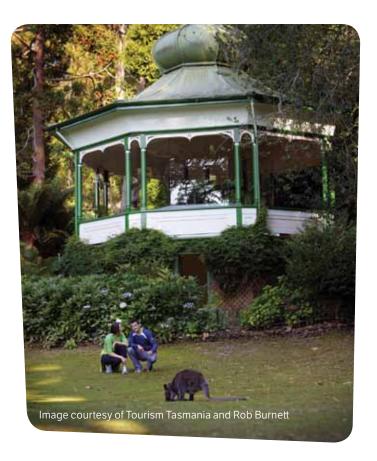
Things to do

- Get a fantastic view of greater Hobart from the top of Mount Wellington, accessible via road or one of the many scenic walking tracks.
- Visit Salamanca Market (held weekly on Saturday mornings) to explore Tasmania's finest arts and crafts, woodwork, food, jewellery and collectibles.
- Be amazed at the art collections on show in the worldrenowned architectural masterpiece known as MONA (The Museum of Old and New Art), Australia's largest privately owned museum.
- Take the ferry to nearby Bruny Island to see the Little Penguins and Fur Seals.









Launceston

Founded in 1806, Launceston is situated inland in the north of Tasmania, at a point where three rivers meet. Home to a population of 105,000, Launceston is recognised for its historical architecture, with many Victorian and Georgian buildings beautifully preserved. In this charming city you have the chance to live a relaxing and rewarding lifestyle.

Things to do

- During the winter months, take a day-trip to nearby alpine park Ben Lomond for some skiing or snowboarding.
- Do some star gazing at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery's Planetarium, located at Inveresk.
- Spend the day at the Cataract Gorge with friends.
 Set within an ancient extinct volcano, the Gorge is the perfect spot for a picnic, swimming, and rockclimbing. It is also home to the world's longest singlespan chair lift.
- Barrack for a team at an Australian Football League (AFL) game. Launceston's Aurora Stadium is host to four AFL games per year and attracts crowds from all over Australia.

Tasmanian weather

Tasmania has a "temperate" climate. This means that our summers are not too hot, and our winters are not too cold. Similar to Switzerland, France, Chile and Italy, we have four distinct seasons in Tasmania: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring.

Summer

December, January, February

Warm days, afternoon sea breezes and long evenings.

The sun is very strong because of the clear atmosphere, so you will need to use sunscreen and wear a hat.

Average maximum temperature is 22°C or 72°F.

Autumn

March, April, May

Calm, temperate days with clear blue skies and cooler evenings. The days begin to get shorter as "daylight saving" time comes to an end, and colourful leaves begin to fall.

In late Autumn, you may need to wear a sweater as the weather starts to cool.

Average maximum temperature is 20°C or 68°F.

Winter

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Skies remain clear and blue and there is sometimes snow on the mountains.

Enjoy hot food and warm log fires – and don't forget to wear a coat and gloves!

Average maximum temperature is 13° C or 55° F.

Spring

September October November

Cool mornings turn to warm afternoons and the days begin to get longer as "daylight saving" time begins.

Gardens throughout the State begin to bloom and skies are often swept with light clouds.

Average maximum temperature is 18°C or 64°F.

Student Living

Tasmanian Government Homestay service

GETI Tasmania proudly runs its own homestay service for international students studying at Tasmanian Government Schools.

All GETI Tasmania homestay hosts will provide you with the following:

- a fully furnished bedroom
- a dedicated study area with desk, chair and lamp
- three meals per day
- · laundry facilities
- a key to your homestay home.

In addition, your homestay hosts will offer support for:

- involvement in family, community and Australian cultural activities
- transport
- · learning and education programs
- health and welfare care and services.

A secure Government-run service

The Tasmanian Government ensures that all homestay hosts must hold a current Good Character profile, which is authorised by the Tasmanian Police.

There are two dedicated Homestay Coordinators available to assist you with any questions or concerns.

Our office provides a 24 hour/7 days per week emergency service to students.





Guanli Chen, an international student currently studying at Hobart College says of her homestay family:

They are very nice. When I arrived in Hobart for the first time, they picked me up at the airport. My family likes to share their life with their students. When I have questions, I always ask my homestay to help me. They enjoy helping me and they take me when they travel and share Australian culture with me. I feel so lucky.

My homestay father is a good cook. He can cook Chinese food, Korean food, Japanese food, Malaysian food, Greek food, Italian food and Mexican food. When I come home from school, they always ask me about my school life and progress and they are happy to help when I have tests for ESL.

I am satisfied with my bedroom which is comfortable for me, and they provide lots of fruits, breads and other foods.

Guanli Chen, Hobart College

Please note: Internet

All students use the internet for study and to keep in touch with family and friends. GETI does not require homestay host families to provide internet, however most families will. For more information on internet access, contact GETI's Homestay Coordinators for guidance.



Food

Meals are included as part of GETI Tasmania's Homestay service however, if you like eating out at restaurants, there are a range of wonderful places offering local and international cuisine. For an Asian dish at a casual restaurant or cafe, expect to pay AU\$10–\$20. For a fresh seafood meal, expect to pay approximately AU\$30.

Public transport

Because Tasmania's cities are simple to get around, we only need one form of public transport: buses. Metro Tasmania is the largest passenger transport company in Tasmania and operates bus services in Hobart and Launceston.

In Tasmania, international students can get a discount on their bus fares, so you can expect to pay AU\$15–\$20 per week for public transport. An electronic ticketing system, known as a Metro Greencard, is also available which will allow you to pre-purchase your bus fares at a cheaper price.

Driving your own car

Students under the age of 18 cannot drive or own a motor vehicle or motorbike. Students over the age of 18 must hold a current and valid international (or Australian) driver's licence to own or drive a motor vehicle. If you wish to drive and/or own a motor vehicle/motorbike, you should first discuss this with your Student Advisor who will advise you on how to obtain a driver's licence. You will also need the written permission of your parents/guardians.

Working

Working in a part-time job while you study in Tasmania is a great way to meet new people, earn money, and practice your English.

Finding work in Tasmania is just like finding work anywhere else. The availability of jobs is not guaranteed, however there are plenty of people to help you in your search for a job and give you advice. Students often find work in hospitality and service industries, and earn approximately AU\$14-\$20 per hour. For information on student visa work conditions visit www.immi.gov.au.



The Tasmanian Education System

Which level of schooling?

The Tasmanian Government provides schooling for students starting at four years of age. Beginning in Kindergarten, students continue their education through Primary School, Junior High School, and Senior High School. Upon completion of Senior High School, students can choose to continue their academic studies at a university or vocational education provider. As an international student, you can enter into any school year level. However, if you are under 12 years of age, then a parent or guardian will have to come to Tasmania with you.

School	Age	Year
Kindergarten	4	Kindergarten
	5	Prep
	6	1
	7	2
Primary School	8	3
	9	4
	10	5
	11	6
	12	7
London High Colored	13	8
Junior High School	14	9
	15	10
Senior High School	16	11
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Assessment

The Tasmanian education system features a flexible and innovative assessment framework that aims to give students the best possible chance to succeed. Assessment consists of continuous assignments and tests throughout the academic year.

In addition, for Senior High School students, there are two examination periods. Generally around 70% of final marks are generated internally and 30% are generated from exams.

For specific information on assessment related to the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) please visit: http://www.tqa.tas.gov.au/

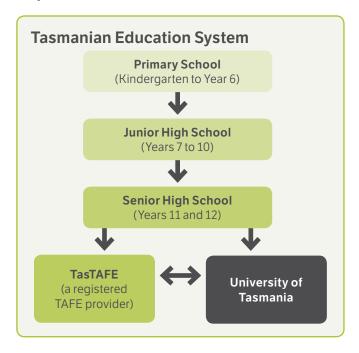


English Entry Requirements

There is no minimum English language level required for entry into any of the Tasmanian Government Schools. The only requirement is that you have a basic level of English understanding; however no formal English test results will be required. All that we ask is to see your most recent school transcript.

Tasmania's Government Schools support students with many different levels of English language skill. Each school provides English as a Second Language (ESL) tuition, so as soon as you arrive in Tasmania you can start attending your school, and receive as much English tuition as you require.

When you arrive in Tasmania, you won't be required to complete an English Preparation course before you are able to attend classes with local Tasmanian students. This means that you get to study many subjects and spend lots of time with local students straight away. It also means very flexible intake dates; you can start your study at any time throughout the year.





English as a Second Language Program

All Tasmanian Government Schools offer English as a Second Language (ESL) tuition on campus. The programs delivered in each school will vary, however all will teach you a range of important skills for improving your English language level. You will receive English language tuition to suit your level of ability.

You will be taught how to:

- read beginner and intermediate texts, such as newspaper articles, short stories, poems and novels
- speak and listen through conversations, group work, interviews and speeches
- improve your grammar, punctuation and spelling
- increase your vocabulary
- write responses to written texts, explain your ideas and express your opinion
- · write journals, news articles, stories and letters
- · manage your study and improve your study skills
- conduct research
- write job applications and resumes
- use Information and Computer Technologies to create communications.

A range of in-class activities are used to make your learning engaging and interactive. These include:

- · class discussions
- silent reading
- · journal writing

- viewing and listening to movies and CDs
- excursions to museums, historical sites and other places of interest
- · group work.

The sorts of topics that you will explore in class include:

- identity
- family
- · everyday life
- transport
- likes and dislikes
- · eating and drinking
- geography
- · careers and education
- hobbies and interests
- culture and tradition.

Your ESL tuition will be delivered alongside "mainstream" subjects, such as Maths, Science, History and Art. This means that you might spend two hours per day studying English, but for the rest of your time you will get to attend other classes with local Tasmanian classmates.

Subjects Offered

Junior High School

In Junior High School, you will study a broad range of subjects, both academic and recreational. These school years are a really good time to work out which subjects interest you, and which subjects you would like to study more in the future.

In Years 7 and 8 you will study a range of compulsory subjects, including the core subjects Maths, Science, ESL and Humanities, as well as recreational subjects

such as Physical Education, Art, Computing, and Design and Technology.

In Years 9 and 10 you will continue to study the compulsory core subjects – Maths, Science, ESL and Humanities – but you will get to select which other subjects you would like to study. For example, you may have a strong interest in Science and Computing, so you may elect to study Computing and Extended Science.

Learning area	Sample Subjects	
English	English 1English 2English 3English as a Second Language	Journalism English Writing English Literature
Mathematics*	• Maths 1 • Maths 2	Maths 3Maths 4Maths Methods
Science*	Science 1Science 2Extended Science 1Extended Science 2	 Human Science 1 Human Science 2 Exploring the Ocean 1 Exploring the Ocean 2
Society and History	GeographyIntroduction to Psychology and SociologyHistory Accelerated	The Making of the Modern World The Modern World and Australia
Health and Wellbeing	Aquatic AdventuresMulti SportsSelf DefenceSports Leadership	Racquet SportsSports Science Applied 1Team SportsWellness Recreation
The Arts	 Art, Craft and Design Audio Design Choir (after school class) Contemporary Music Dance Drama Intermediate Music Intermediate Stage Band (after school class) 	 Music Industry Studies School Production Senior Music Senior Music Extended Senior Stage Band (after school class) String Ensemble (after school class)
Vocational and Applied Learning and other Learning Opportunities	Catering and HospitalityDesign in MetalDesign in WoodDrawing and Design	 Food Technology On The Job at School Online – Negotiated Study Duke of Edinburgh Award
Languages	• Chinese • French	• Japanese
Digital Technology	Computing Graphic Design	Creative Media

^{*}Please note: In Junior High School, mathematics and science subjects include foundation coverage of all major disciplines. For example, science will cover physics, chemistry and biology.

Senior High School

Government Senior High Schools are very unique in Tasmania. Students studying Years 11 and 12 attend different campuses to those studying at Junior High Schools.

The structure of the Senior High Schools provides students with more independence and encourages them to develop a strong work ethic. The program is designed to help students develop a set of skills that they can apply to their tertiary studies and future employment.

In Years 11 and 12 you will be able to elect which subjects you study. It is compulsory to study ESL, however you can then select the subject areas that you would like to focus on. There are a wide range of subject areas on offer. Options include academic focussed subjects, such as Maths, Science, History, and Religion, but also recreational subjects such as Photography, Drama, and Outdoor Education.

Vocational training is also available at Tasmania's Senior High Schools. Students are able to complete Certificate I and II in areas such as Hospitality, Tourism, Automotive and Business, as well as many others. These courses connect into a pathway for further vocational training at TasTAFE.

Often the subjects that you select will be subjects that are relevant to your desired career.



Learning area	Sample Subjects
Natural and Physical Sciences	 Mathematics Applied Mathematics Methods Mathematics Specialised Biology Chemistry Physics Geography Physical Sciences Sport Science
Information Technology	Information Systems and Digital TechnologiesComputer Science
Architecture and Building	Housing and Design
Engineering and Related Technologies	 Advanced Electronics Computer Graphics and Design Technical Graphics Enterprise Production Systems
Health	Health Studies
Management and Commerce	Business Studies Accounting
Society and Culture	 Psychology Sociology Studies of Religion Philosophy Legal Studies Economics Australian Studies Australia in Asia and the Pacific Modern World History Ancient Civilisations
English Language	English as a Second LanguageEnglish CommunicationEnglish StudiesEnglish Writing
Languages	ChineseFrenchGermanJapaneseItalianIndonesian
Creative Arts	 Dance Choreography and Performance Art Production Art Studio Practice Art Appreciation Drama Theatre Performance Media Production Audio Design Music
Environment and Outdoor	Food and NutritionOutdoor LeadershipEnvironmental Science

Academic Program

Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE)

The Tasmanian Government Schools Academic Program is suitable for students who are planning to complete the TCE and continue their studies at university level.

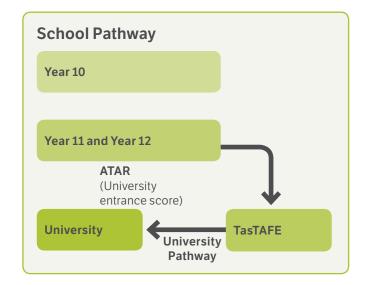
The TCE is the qualification awarded to students who complete Senior High School in Tasmania. It is recognised throughout Australia by universities and employers.

Students studying the Academic Program will normally study at a Senior High School for two years: Year 11 and 12. Each year, a student would normally study four or five subjects. There are no restrictions or limitations on which subjects you can study, and there are Career Counsellors and International Student Advisors available to help you choose the subjects most relevant to your interests and career plan.

In Australia, all universities allocate places to students based on their Year 11 and 12 school results. These results form your Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR).

To gain entry to a university, it is a requirement that students study (and successfully complete) at least four "pre-tertiary" or "pre-university" subjects. In Tasmania, these pre-university subjects are known as Level 3

subjects. As these subjects are at a pre-university level, they are quite advanced. In most subject areas there are also related Level 2 subjects which can be studied as an introduction or foundation to a Level 3 subject. This means that if you would like more preparation before studying pre-university subjects, you can choose to study the Level 2 subjects first.



Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri
8:30am – 8:45am	Home Group	Home Group	Home Group	Home Group	Home Group
8:45am – 10:10am	ESL 3C	Outdoor Education 2C	Biology 3C	Maths Methods 3C	Physics 3C
10:10am – 10:30am	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea	Morning Tea
10:30am – 12:00noon	ESL 3C	Outdoor Education 2C	ESL 3C	Maths Methods 3C	Physics 3C
12:00noon – 1:00pm	Lunch/ Tutorials	Lunch/ Tutorials	Lunch/ Tutorials	Lunch/ Tutorials	Lunch/ Tutorials
1:00pm – 2:25pm	Biology 3C	Maths Methods 3C	Physics 3C	Outdoor Education 2C	Biology 3C
2:30pm – 4:00pm		English Foundation 2B		English Foundation 2B	





School rankings: Top academic performers in Tasmania 2013:

In 2013, six out of the top fifteen performing Senior High Schools in Tasmania were Tasmanian Government Schools. These rankings are based on the number of students per school who achieved an ATAR of 98.4 or higher.

(source: Tasmanian Qualifications Authority)



Ranking	School	Number
1	The Friend's School	17
2	Hobart College	11
3	Scotch Oakburn	9
3	St. Michael's Collegiate	9
3	The Hutchins School	9
4	Launceston College	7
4	Guilford Young College	7
5	Marist Regional College	5
5	St. Patrick's College	5
6	Rosny College	4
6	Elizabeth College	4
6	Hellyer College	4
7	Don College	3
7	Launceston Church Grammar	3
8	St. Mary's College	2

Schools highlighted in green are Tasmanian Government schools.

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is used by students applying for university in Australia. The system allows students to access university courses from across Australia, irrespective of the state or territory in which they completed their Year 12 studies. Therefore, by completing your Senior High School program in Tasmania, you will be able to apply to Australian universities with your ATAR.

The way that an ATAR is calculated is a complex process, however it allows students from anywhere within Australia to be graded by the same system. Your subject scores will be assessed alongside the scores received from students all over Australia, and will be converted into an ATAR.

The ATAR score is expressed as a percentage. An ATAR of 90.00, for example, means that a student is performing in the top 10% of students in Australia that year. The maximum possible ATAR is 99.95.

To be eligible for University entrance, a student must:

- Successfully complete a minimum of four Level 3 courses.
- Students can study up to ten Level 3 courses where students have more than five courses in total, the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority will automatically calculate the best score for the student.
- A maximum of five Level 3 courses will be used to calculate their ATAR.

All Australian universities send offers of course places to students based on their ATAR. Individual universities can provide information on the minimum ATAR needed to be offered a place for each course, however the higher your ATAR the better chance you will have of receiving an offer in the course you are aiming for.

For more information on the TCE and ATAR, visit www.tga.tas.gov.au

Sample study results:

	Year 11	Year 12	ATAR Points*
Maths Methods	✓		19
Chinese	✓		19
Physics	✓		15
English as a Second Language#		✓	11
Maths Specialised		✓	18
Chemistry		✓	20
Accounting		✓	20
Computer Graphics and Design		✓	14
TOTAL (top five scores)			96.00 (out of a possible 99.95)

^{*}ATAR is calculated based on national weighting criteria. # English as a Second Language is a compulsory Level 3 subject, however in Tasmania it is not compulsory to use the score received in this subject towards your ATAR.

Study Abroad

The Study Abroad GAP Tasmania Program is a highly flexible program for students wanting to complete a short-term study period in a Tasmanian Government school.

GAP Tasmania offers students full immersion into a Tasmanian school in any year from 7–12. From as little as two weeks, up to one year, you will study a range of subjects with local Tasmanian classmates. You will make Australian friends, and be able to spend morning tea and lunch time with them, practicing your English. You can also elect to participate in extra-curricular activities with other students from your school, which is a great way to experience Tasmania's culture.

Throughout your stay, you will live with a Tasmanian family in a 'homestay' arrangement (see page 8 for more information). This will allow you to experience what it is like to live in Tasmania.

The core study focus of GAP Tasmania is improving your English skills. English as a Second Language (ESL) is the only compulsory subject. You can then choose which other subjects you would like to study. Core academic subjects to choose from include Maths, Science and Humanities, and recreational subjects on offer include Outdoor Education, Cooking, Graphic Design, Art and Music.



Sample GAP timetable

Time	Mon	Tues	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat	Sun
Home Group 8.30 – 8.40	Home Group						
Period 1 8.40 – 10.00	Science	Graphic Design	Maths	Wellness: Aquatic Adventures	Science		
Period 2 10.00 – 11.20	Graphic Design	Senior Music	Wellness: Aquatic Adventures	ESL	Graphic Design		
11:20 – 11:40	Morning Tea	Tour Activities	Tour Activities				
Period 3 11.40 – 13.00	Maths	Wellness: Aquatic Adventures	Science	Graphic Design	Wellness: Aquatic Adventures		Tour Activities
13:00 – 13:40	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch	Lunch		
Period 4 13.40 – 14.40	Wellness: Aquatic Adventures	ESL	Graphic Design	Senior Music	ESL		
After school			Tour Activities		Tour Activities		





Tour activities

As part of the GAP Tasmania program, you can also choose to see the tourist sites of Tasmania with the Tasmanian Government's authorised tour guide.

There are many sites to see, and different experiences to try. Tours can be run during the weekend, after school, or can even be offered as an overnight trip.

Some of the available tours include:

- Hobart City Tour
- Tasmanian Museum and Art Gallery
- Richmond
- Sorell Fruit Farm
- Kate's Berry Farm
- Coles Bay
- Wineglass Bay
- Freycinet National Park
- Campbell Town
- Christmas Hill Raspberry Farm Tasmania
- Anvers-Chocolate Latrobe Tasmania
- Cataract Gorge
- Chudleigh Honey Farm
- Cradle Mountain
- Dove Lake
- Sheffield (Town of murals)

Services and Support

International student advisors

Our schools have dedicated Student Advisors to support you throughout your studies. Available on Monday – Friday, from 8:30am – 5:00pm (in person or via phone and email), the student advisors will provide you with advice on settling in to Tasmania, manage your orientation, and be the first point of contact if you ever have any problems or issues.

Your International Student Advisor will liaise with teaching and other school staff to monitor your academic progress. If you require a course change, or want some advice about planning your study pathway, your international advisor will give you all of the answers you require.

24/7 emergency phone line

A 24 hour per day, 7 day per week emergency phone line is provided for all international students studying at Tasmania's Government Schools. If any student is ever in trouble of any kind, help is never far away.

Language and learning support

All of Tasmania's Government schools have dedicated English support for international students. If you require assistance with new English terms and words, or would like more detailed assistance, this is available alongside your course tuition for no extra cost.

Pre-departure information

Before you leave your home country, we send you a pre-departure guide which provides helpful information about living in Tasmania. The information provided in the guide covers things like flights, clothing, cost of living, shopping, transport and banking. We are also happy to answer any other questions that you may have about your life in Tasmania.





Airport pick-up

You will be met at the airport upon arrival and taken to your accommodation so you can settle in. There is no airport pick-up fee charged by the Tasmanian Government.

Banking and phone set-up

Upon your arrival in Tasmania, we assist you with setting up a mobile phone and a bank account.

Orientation

All Tasmanian Government School students receive a detailed course orientation prior to commencing their studies. The orientation includes an outline of the subjects that will be studied, the number of tuition hours each week and timetables for classes, and also establishes the expectations of students.

Student cafes and study facilities

All campuses are serviced by canteens that serve both hot and cold food and drinks for students. Modern library and computer facilities are available at each campus to all students throughout the study week.

Buddy System

Most of the schools in the international program offer a Buddy System. Your buddy will be a local Tasmanian student who can show you around the school, give you information on activities, and help you settle in and make friends.

We will help you with:

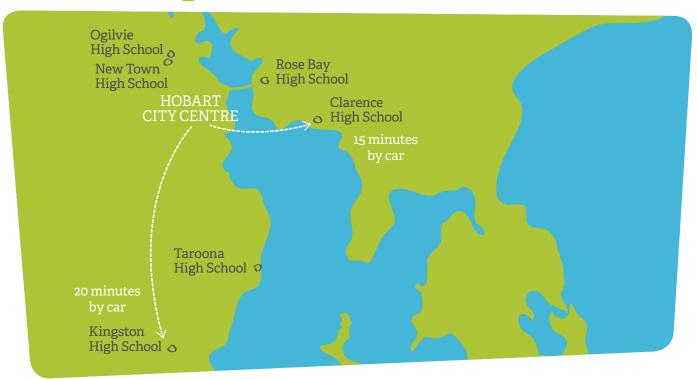
- Setting up a Mobile Phone
- Setting up a Bank Account
- Organising public transport



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Southern Tasmania Junior High Schools



Taroona High School

Year Established: 1957

Number of Students: 800

Number of International Student Places: 30

- Strong music and musical theatre program
- · Advanced IT facilities
- Has its own beach and offers a number of marine programs





Kingston High School

Year Established: 1972

Number of Students: 575

- Brand new open-plan facilities
- Runs an Artists-in-Residence program
- Offers a range of hands-on subjects including Robotics and Computer Aided Design

Ogilvie High School

Year Established: 1937 Number of Students: 850

Number of International Student Places: 15

- All girls' high school
- Participates in the Model United Nations Assembly
- Runs an on-campus fitness centre, offering group classes



Rose Bay High School

Year Established: 1961 Number of Students: 690

Number of International Student Places: 2

- Offers an outstanding music program
- Runs an environmental program

Clarence High School

Year Established: 1959 Number of Students: 450

Number of International Student Places: 20

- School is located 200m from the beach
- Offers kayaking, surfing and rock music studies



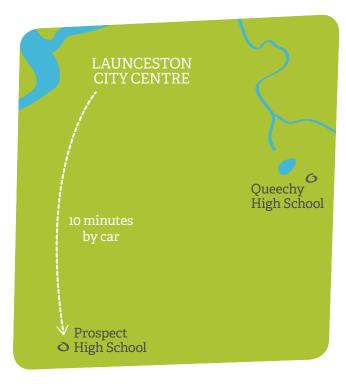


New Town High School

Year Established: 1919 Number of Students: 800

- · All boys' high school
- Runs a specialist music program

Northern Tasmania Junior High Schools





Prospect High School

Year Established: 1966

Number of Students: 550

- Extensive grounds used for a wide range of recreational activities
- · Vocational cooking program
- Work experience programs





Queechy High School

Year Established: 1958 **Number of Students:** 780

Number of International Student Places: 25

- Marine science camp
- Runs a year 11 maths program for advanced students
- Participates in science and engineering challenges





Devonport High School

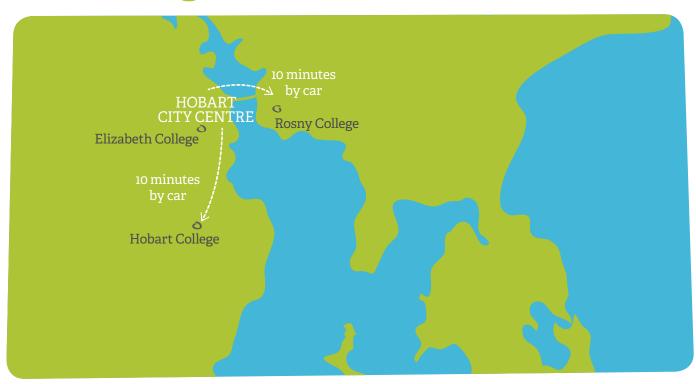
Year Established: 1917 **Number of Students:** 580

- Nationally recognised kayaking extra-curricular program
- Stationery, books and uniforms are provided free of charge to international students





Southern Tasmania Senior High Schools



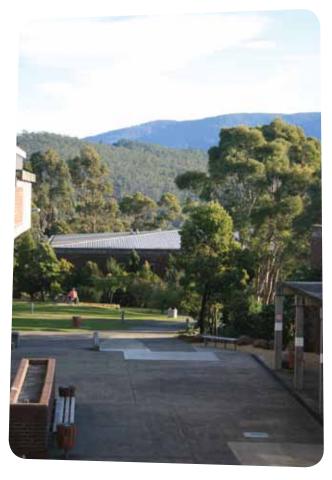
Hobart College

Year Established: 1913

Number of Students: 1000

- Catering for international students for over 30 years
- Has educated 17 Rhodes Scholars in a long tradition of excellent academic achievements
- Has its own theatre with a seating capacity of 600





Elizabeth College

Year Established: 1967 Number of Students: 1000

Number of International Student Places: 50

- Home to the Tasmanian School of Golf and State Volleyball Development Centre
- Runs an internationally-recognised Athlete Development program
- Runs an Advanced Academic Diploma which offers a challenging program for gifted students





Rosny College

Year Established: 1973

Number of Students: 1200

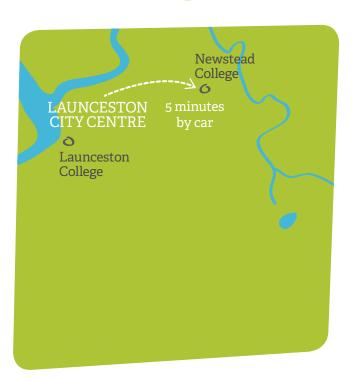
- One of the top two Performing Art schools in Australia
- Best performing Tasmanian Senior High School for University entrance in 2008
- State-of-the-art Woodwork, Metalwork and Automotive workshops

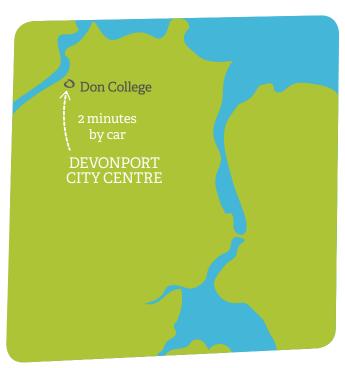






Northern Tasmania Senior High Schools





Launceston College

Year Established: 1916

Number of Students: 1400

- Runs a debating program
- Has its own 20-metre swimming pool, spa and sauna
- Runs a radio station





Newstead College

Year Established: 1997 Number of Students: 700

Number of International Student Places: 35

- Has its own fully-equipped industrial teaching kitchen with restaurant attached
- Involvement with the UTAS College program to enable students to complete University units whilst still at College
- Has its own television recording studio





Don College

Year Established: 1973 Number of Students: 930

- Located close to Devonport's Olympic-sized swimming pool and other recreational facilities
- Runs a Landcare Program in conjunction with the Devonport City Council and offers an International Climate Club







Enrichment Activities

Extra-Curricular Activities	Rosny College	Elizabeth College	Hobart College	Launceston College	Newstead College	Don College	Devonport High	Prospect High	Queechy High	Taroona High	Kingston High	Ogilvie High School	New Town High	Clarence High	Rose Bay High
Aero Club		√		\checkmark		√									
Archery			\checkmark	✓	\checkmark						\checkmark		\checkmark		
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Facilities

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Specialty Facilities

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Term Dates and Fees

2015 Term Dates

Term 1	Term 2	Term 3	Term 4
START Wednesday 4 February	START Monday 20 April	START Monday 20 July	START Monday 12 October
END Thursday 2 April Easter 3–7 April	END Friday 3 July	END Friday 25 September Senior High School mid-year exams (one week in August)	END Thursday 17 December Senior High School finishes in November before end of year exams

Note: Tasmanian Government Schools have flexible intakes throughout the school year. Students can enrol at any time.

Tuition Fees*

	Academic Program	Study Abroad	Preparation Program
Primary School (Years 1–6)	AU\$10,800	AU\$300 per week (4-20 weeks) AU\$270 per week (21+ weeks)	N/A
Junior High School (Years 7–10)	AU\$10,800	AU\$300 per week (2-20 weeks) AU\$270 per week (21+ weeks)	N/A
Senior High School (Years 11–12)	AU\$11,800	AU\$330 per week (2-20 weeks) AU\$295 per week (21+ weeks)	AU\$330 per week (2-20 weeks) AU\$295 per week (21+ weeks) Includes ESL + mainstream subjects, and prepares students for Senior High School study.
English Language tuition	Included in above tuition fees		
Enrichment Activities	Included in above tuition fees		

^{*}Fees listed above cover tuition fees, including English Language tuition and enrolment in enrichment activities. Fees for school books, uniforms and specific excursions are extra. Contact GETI Tasmania for more information.

Homestay Fee

Years 7–8	Years 9–12
AU\$273 per week	AU\$252 per week

Administration Fee

The administration fee covers guardianship, application, homestay placement, school placement and homestay or school changes.

AU\$50 per month Maximum AU\$300 per year

Overseas Student Health Cover

Monthly	AU\$45.00 (approximately)
Annually	AU\$540.00 (approximately)



Tasmanian Government Schools Application Form

Please include the following:

- Current year academic report and school references
- · A copy of your passport and visa
- English language results (if available)
- Medical report, noting diagnosis and treatment plan for any existing conditions, where applicable

Please return this application and supporting documents to:

Government Education & Training International Email: info@geti.tas.gov.au

Other name(s):

Fax: +61 3 6233 7839 Tel: +61 3 6165 5727

Family name: _____

Preferred name: ______ Gender: Male □ Female □

1. Student details:

Date of birth: (Day) / (Month) / (Year)	
Country of birth:	
Country of citizenship:	
Passport number:	
Home country address:	
Postcode:	
Phone number:	
Email:	
2. Parents/Legal Guardian contact details:	
Name:	
Relationship to student:	
Occupation:	
Phone:	
Email:	
3. Education background:	
Current school:	
Current grade/year level:	
Have you studied in Australia before? No 🗌 Y	es 🗆
If yes, school name:	

Start date: _____ Finish date: _____

Attach passport photo here

4. English language background:		
Have you studied English? No \Box Yes \Box		
If yes, how many years have you studied English?		
Have you taken an English proficiency test? No ☐ Yes ☐ (Please attach certificate)		
5. School placement/proposed course:		
\square Study Abroad (not seeking a qualification)		
☐ Senior High School ☐ Y11 ☐ Y12		
\square High School \square Y7 \square Y8 \square Y9 \square Y10		
☐ Bridging program (minimum 10 weeks)		
☐ Primary School (Years 1 to 6)		
Proposed commencement date:		
☐ Term 1 (February) ☐ Term 3 (July)		
☐ Term 2 (May) ☐ Term 4 (October)		
Proposed end date: (D)/ (M)/ (Y)		
Preferred school or region:		
1st Preference:		
2nd Preference:		
☐ No preference		
Special interest/subjects/hobbies/career plan:		
6. Accommodation:		
☐ Homestay		
☐ Guardian (Please fill out guardian details below)		
Guardian Name:		
Relationship to student:		
Residential address:		
Phone:		
Mobile:		

Email: ___

7. Special requirements:	10. Student Profile:	
Do you have any special dietary needs? ☐ No ☐ Yes (Please specify):	Use the space below to write about yourself, your family, your interests and your future plans.	
Do you have any religious requirements? No ☐ Yes ☐ If yes, please give details:	Please attach any additional information and photos that will help us select a suitable homestay placement	
8. Medical information:		
Blood Type: ☐ A ☐ B ☐ AB ☐ O ☐ RH+ ☐ RH-		
Have you been vaccinated against the following: (This is for information only, not a requirement)		
Tetanus ☐ No ☐ Yes (D) / (M) / (Y)		
Polio ☐ No ☐ Yes (D)/(M)/(Y)		
Measles ☐ No ☐ Yes (D)/(M)/(Y)		
Hepatitis A \square No \square Yes (D)/(M)/(Y)		
Hepatitis B \square No \square Yes (D)/(M)/(Y)		
Do you have any of the following:		
☐ Allergy – eg. food, medication, chemical, animals, plants (Please specify):		
☐ Physical or learning disability (Please specify):		
☐ Medical condition* (Please specify):	Applicant's signature:	
*Please attach a recent medical report which		
provides information about your medical condition and treatment.	Date:// Parent's signature:	
In case of emergency		
I give permission for my son/daughter to receive medical attention organised by school, homestay host or Government Education and Training International.	Date:// Personal and sensitive information will be collected from you for the purpose of informing your application and will be used by	
I acknowledge and agree that I am responsible the costs incurred in providing medical treatment and associated service for my son/daughter.	Government Education and Training International for assessing and determining the application. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being able to be processed or the service not being able to be provided. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may	
Parent/Legal guardian signature:	be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary for the efficient storage and use of the information. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection	
Date:/	Act 2004 and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to the Government Education and Training International.	
Please note that failure to disclose medical information may result in your enrolment being cancelled.	You can obtain a copy of the department's Personal Information Protection Policy on request to Government Education and Training International or at http://www.tas.gov.au/stds/pip.htm.	
9. How did you find out about Tasmanian Government Schools?	Business name:	
☐ Exhibition/Seminar ☐ Advertisement	Phone number:	
☐ Website ☐ Relative/Friend ☐ Agent	Contact person:	
☐ Other	Email:	



Application Process

Applying to study at a Tasmanian Government School is an easy process – you are welcome to apply directly to us, or by using the services of one of our registered education agents in your country (see the GETI website for more information: http://international.education.tas.edu.au/how-to-apply/Pages/find-a-study-agent.aspx)

The total time for processing an application and providing a course offer letter is three days on average. Please follow the steps below carefully so we can process your application as quickly as possible.

Student:

Complete and submit the Tasmanian Government Schools application form.



GETI:

Once the application is received, it is assessed and a course offer letter will be sent to you.



Student:

Carefully read the course offer letter, including payment details and refund policy, then sign the document, make payment to GETI Tasmania and send the course acceptance forms.



GETI:

GETI sends the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) certificate to you.



Student:

You inform GETI Tasmania when your student visa is granted and also provide your arrival flight details.



GETI:

GETI provides you with a pre-departure guide and enrolment information.



Student:

Commence your study at a Tasmanian Government school.





If you are seeking more help with your application, please contact the Government Education and Training International office to speak with our student admissions team:

Phone: +61 3 6165 5727 **Fax:** +61 3 6233 7839 **Email:** info@geti.tas.gov.au

More information on our application process online: http://international.education.tas.edu.au



More Information

Useful websites

international.education.tas.edu.au

The Tasmanian Government's international education website – the central portal for international students of the Tasmanian Government

www.discovertasmania.com

Information about Tasmania's amazing attractions, climate and culture

www.immi.gov.au

The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship's website – for information relating to visas and migration

www.seek.com.au

A major recruitment website for job seekers in Australia

www.graduatecareers.com.au

Information about graduation statistics, average salaries and growth industries

Travel providers

Airlines:

www.qantas.com.au

www.jetstar.com.au

www.virginaustralia.com.au

www.tigerairways.com

Ferry:

www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Useful contact numbers

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24 hour student **emergency** phone line: +61 3 6231 1003

Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship – student visa hotline – 131 881

National Emergency Line - 000

Australian Government protection for international students

At GETI Tasmania, we want our students to have a safe, rewarding and enjoyable time in Tasmania. Students studying in Australia on student visas are protected by the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students.

ESOS protects international students by setting consistent standards for education providers and consumer protection for students.

No matter where you are studying in Australia, international students are protected by ESOS. You can find out more from Australian Education International https://aei.gov.au

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