

TASSO NEWS



SCHOOLS OUT

TASSO is the recognised peak state body and a not-for-profit community organisation representing Tasmanian state schools and colleges. We also provide guidance and support to parents, students, communities and School Associations

KEY DATES

December 16 - School Winds Up
December 21 - TASSO Office Closes

January 18 - TASSO Office Reopens
February 9 Schools Head Back

Christmas is currently still on schedule for the 25th

Change OF GUARD

As things start to wind down and yet another school year comes to an end, there has been a late flurry of activity behind the scenes at TASSO with a major leadership change in the TASSO Board.

After many years of dedicated service to TASSO Jared Dickason has stepped aside to allow the next-generation of volunteers to move up.

Jared started with TASSO way back in 2015 as a Southern Delegate after first becoming involved with the school association committee of his children's school, Goulburn Street Primary. Occupying positions including Treasurer, Senior Vice-President and President, Jared put in more than most. Among his greatest contributions include tirelessly travelling around the state running events, meeting and training sessions.

Jared, from all of us at TASSO, thank you!



President

While filling big shoes isn't easy at TASSO we are extremely fortunate this year and have two great board members ready to step up.

Rebecca Churchill, after a very short stint as a Southern Delegate, is moving up to Vice-President. A move that may have surprised a few but we couldn't be happier to have her here.

The second change is Natham, who hadn't long been the Vice-President before stepping into the big shoes left behind by Jared as President. We wish him the best of luck in this role.

Congratulations Rebecca and Natham, we appreciate you both taking on these extra responsibilities along with all you do already. We are sure you're the right people to be leading us into 2022!



President



Vice-President

To all of our 65,000+ members (thats parents, carers and families, staff and students of Tassie's state schools) , thank you for your ongoing support throughout the year. We have made great strides forward and have much planned for the year ahead. Enjoy your summer everyone and we will see you when school returns in 2022.



A lot of people haven't heard of TASSO. Those that have heard of us, usually aren't all that sure what we do, and you know what, we understand. There is our day to day work, projects we take on and support we offer to the community.

TASSO exists for the community. For the parents, families, carers of the children and the children themselves. That is a cause we have believed in continuously since 1945. The state government agrees with us and fund us accordingly.

Groups we've met with - we take advantage of other like-minded groups in our space to broaden our capacity to support our members in more ways. A couple of examples include the Tasmanian School Canteen Association (now called School Food Matters) who are working towards healthier food options in our school for all students. Another is PFLAG (Parents Family and Friends of Lesbians and Gays) who help us enhance our knowledge in that space and apply it directly when supporting families and the right to education for all students no matter their gender or sexuality.

Schools visits - TASSO makes school visits on request regularly to educate the school association committees on:

- Governance and how to run an effective committee
- Best practices when it comes to internal conflict resolution
- Any individual concerns voiced by the committee or any member of the school association (any family/carer/community member/staff) who wishes to talk with us.

Ministers, Shadow Ministers and their advisers - TASSO are in regular contact with the Minister for Education, their advisors as well as other supporting staff at the Department of Education. We act as a conduit for communication, so the community can have their voices heard through us and the Department can provide the community with the most up to date information to help minimise speculation and uncertainty.

Regional meetings - A regular feature of TASSO's that consist of direct face to face presentations in each region of the state (South/North/North-West) on a subject of importance to educate and empower the community. When it's possible we also make an effort to get guest speakers to cover alternate content that holds relevance in the education arena. A good example of this was when Wendy from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation came to talk to us about eSmart - a program being used by nearly all schools to keep our students safe when online.

Empowering students - our belief in education - As TASSO is funded solely by the government we only have a limited amount of funds. This means we can't afford to just throw money at a total website reconstruction. To be a little thrifty we sought out some free programs that served two purposes - 1. Provide TASSO with a quality product at no cost. 2. Give university students a real-world experience where they get to show their skills and come up with a finished product.

In 2021 TASSO has been involved in three of these programs.

Completed - Marketing Strategy

In progress - New website build

In progress - Social Media Strategy

This helps TASSO to stay functional and relevant without taking funding away from our members.

Finally, TASSO will do anything for our members. If you come to us with a problem, we won't drop it, we will follow through. We stand by our members in their time of need and there have been plenty of them since the establishment of TASSO back in 1945. To families and carers, the problem they are facing doesn't always have a clear path to resolution, or there may not be a path yet. That's what we are here for, to use our knowledge and experience to take the load and help find a way through the barriers.

This is what we see as our purpose above all else. All the other stuff is a bonus.

From all of us here at TASSO, in the office and on the board, please have a wonderful summer break and stay safe!

Just a couple of things we did this year...

- AEU TAS Branch
- ACSSO Facilitated - Members EOs & Comms Officers Catch-up
- DoE Finance - Jason Sowell - TASSO Grant discussion
- DoE Finance - State Budget Briefing
- DoE Inclusion Advisory Committee
- DoE NAPLAN Unit - TASSO, TPA & AEU Briefing
- DoE Reporting to Families Review Steering Committee
- DoE School Association Unit - potential for working together on a survey
- DoE Secretary Tim Bullard
- DoE Student Wellbeing - survey briefing
- DoE Years 9-12 Project
- Education Minister's Advisor, Courtney Howarth
- LSS South School Improvement Director, Maureen McKeown - assistance with grievance
- Melbourne Uni Practera, briefing sessions
- Minister Sarah Courtney
- North School Association Committee - workshop
- North-West School Association Committee Workshop
- Our Community Webinar - Protecting your data
- Our Community/ICDA - protecting your data webinar
- Practera ANU - Social Media Strategy
- Practera KOI - website project meeting with students
- School Food Matters - School Lunch Program Pilot Steering Committee
- Shadow Minister for Education - Josh Willie MLC
- South College - SAC meeting
- South Primary School Association - committee training
- South School Association - forum
- South School Association - parent forum re Association Committees
- TASC catch up
- TasCOSS - COVID-19 Community Recovery meeting
- TasCOSS Dr C Burton - Student access to devices & data
- TasCOSS State Budget Briefing
- TASSO Q&A
- TASSO Reps State Budget & NAPLAN Briefing
- TASSO State Budget Submission Working Group
- TASSO Strategic Planning with J. Bedloe
- TPA Business Manager - MS Teams info sharing & training
- TPA Staff & TASSO Staff - knowledge sharing re MS Teams
- TPA, AEU & TASSO gathering
- TPA, TASSO, & DoE Review Team - meeting re proposed
- SAC Peer Review
- Volunteering TAS - Viktor Training - volunteer recruitment

Australian Education Union
Northern Regional Meeting

Meeting with SAC Chair & Treasurer

School Food Matters

DoE NAPLAN

TASSO Induction DoE □ Minister for

Southern School A

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TasCOSS Lunch with

DoE □ Finance State Budget Briefing Aboriginal

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Volunteering Tas TAS

Shadow Minister

TASSO Manager

ACSSO Board Meeting

DoE □ School

State Budget Community Lock-up

DoE -

on Tas Branch **TASC** catch-up

ng DoE Years 9-12 Project

from Southern Region

Steering Committee DoE □ Trisha Reardon □ SAC

Unit North-West School Association Meeting

Education Jeremy Rockliff

Association Meeting

student access to devices & data

gates Meeting

the Premier ACSSO AGM & Board Meeting

Cultural Awareness

Family Engagement Update

y Advisory Council

m Dates Alignment □ Kate Grady

SSO AGM TasCOSS AGM

for Education Josh Willie

ment Committee Meeting

l Association Team TasCOSS State Budget Briefing

LSS Director □ Maureen McKeown

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Changes to Reporting

Following the 2020-21 Review into Reporting to Families, new reporting requirements will begin to be implemented in Tasmanian Government Schools (Kindergarten to Year 10) from 2022. The new reporting requirements will support the partnership between families and schools with a focus on more regular, timely feedback and communication about a child's learning progress and achievement. Further information about the changes will be shared with School Associations and families from the beginning of 2022.

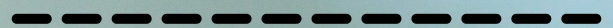
We will be sharing a communications package with schools at the start of the school year in 2022 that they can share with families to introduce the new reporting requirements. We also took on board your suggestion to 'drip feed' the information to be shared with families so that our key messages are spread across the year.

2021 External Assessments

- 8-19 November 2021- Written exam period.
- 15 December 2021 - Results released.
- 2 January 2022 - Applications close for first-round requests to inspect written exams (Year 12 and 13 students only).
- 1 February 2022 - Applications close for second-round requests to inspect written exam material (all students who did not submit a first-round request).
- 29 April 2022 - Applications close for requests for a copy of written exams to be returned to you.

For a list of resources and FAQ's regarding exam results please head over to

[Your results - TASC](#)



READY TO START SCHOOL CHECKLIST

FOR TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

<https://bit.ly/3Evoeu2>



VISION

FOR VOCATIONAL LEARNING AND VET* IN TASMANIAN SCHOOLS TO 2030

* Vocational Education and Training (VET)

By 2030, all learners in Years 9 to 12 will have access to high quality personalised, customised and localised vocational learning and VET opportunities to support their career and life aspirations.

WHAT WE'VE HEARD AND WHERE WE'RE HEADED

Customisation

- > School and system design to reflect the new work reality
- > Focused **workforce development** for teachers and trainers
- > **Future oriented** VET programs in priority industries
- > Greater recognition of **General Capabilities** in Vocational Learning
- > **Pathway maps** for each industry sector, from Year 9 to PhD

Localisation

- > Support for **work-based learning** to build skills and attitudes and assist transition to employment
- > Support for **localised solutions** to build on regional strengths
- > Sharing of **good practice** for quality VET delivery
- > Strengthened approach to **school-based apprenticeships**
- > **Education to Employment** working groups in regional areas

Personalisation

- > Embedded and effective **careers education**
- > A dedicated **careers portal** to support student choice
- > **Strengthened industry liaison** to link young people with opportunities
- > Clearer pathways between **VET and university** and beyond





Scottsdale High School Celebrates

As the end of another successful year at Scottsdale High School approaches, students and teachers alike reflect on a hectic few weeks of activity in the lead up to the last day of term for this year. The school community has witnessed a range of creative events and achievements including the highly professional School of Rock performances, sporting achievements at the State Athletics Carnival, working bee at the Field Studies Centre, many presentation assemblies and of course everyone looking forward to the impending Xmas 2021 school holidays.

There is also the dedicated group putting together the annual time capsule for SHS.

Within these pages, you will find tales and recollections of all sorts of shenanigans that took place over the course of the wonderful year that is 2021. From camps full of beautiful memories to a fully-fledged production with a phenomenal performance by many of our students, you are bound to find something in there that will make you chuckle, giggle, or reminisce. It could bring tears of joy to your eyes or waves of nostalgia to your head. You are bound to find something in here worthy of a read.

It's important to mark historical events to give them the recognition they deserve in the fabric of our community.

Scottsdale High School has an important event to recognise coming up early next year. SHS will celebrate its Centenary in March 2022.

Yes, it's been 100 years since the establishment of the high school in Copplestone Street! The SHS committee is planning to hold some celebration events to mark this auspicious occasion on Friday 25th March and Saturday 26th March 2022.

There will be opportunities for students and teachers, past and present, to participate in these celebratory activities.....so we ask you to please **save the dates!!!** There will be more details

Thank you Scottsdale High for providing this feature!

ASTHMA SAFE IN 2022

**For the start of school,
please arrange:**

- ✓ an updated written Asthma Action Plan from your child's doctor
- ✓ a named spacer and reliever puffer
- ✓ a planned talk with your child's teacher about their asthma

**Remember to keep up
with asthma treatment as
prescribed over the holidays**



1 IN 9
STUDENTS
HAVE
ASTHMA



**ASTHMA
AUSTRALIA**

Help Students Return Safely in 2022!

Help Students Return Safely in 2022

Audience: Teachers, parents, counsellors, first aid staff. After the holidays, students with asthma will experience more symptoms and many end up in hospital with scary attacks.

Asthma causes unnecessary interruptions and setbacks in those critical first few weeks of class time. Make sure your school and parents are across what they need to do before back to school time.

Visit <https://asthma.org.au/what-we-do/asthma-in-schools/back-to-school-2/> to find out how to get your school and community prepared.



Dear Families,

Our school and The Smith Family are involved in this initiative and you may be eligible to receive \$500 with Saver Plus!

Saver Plus is a matched savings and financial education program that supports you to save for education costs for either yourself or your children.

At the end of the program your savings are matched, \$1 for \$1 up to \$500.

Saver Plus is an Australian community program and has been running since 2003, helping more than 50 000 participants to save more than \$23million!

Eligible savings items include school uniforms and books, laptops, iPads and tablets, school trips, sports, music and extracurricular costs, TAFE and Uni costs and lots more.

For more information and to enquire online go to www.saverplus.org.au, or call 1300 610 355

VOLUNTEERS WANTED: 2021 may have a week to go, but we're busy planning our 2022 workshops... and we'd love YOU on our volunteer team! It's a chance to have fun and be creative while making a difference in the lives of young people. For more info, and to sign up, visit: <https://storyislandproject.org/volunteer>



Know Your Entitlements

YOU'RE STILL A STUDENT IN THE HOLIDAYS!



DISCOUNTS & CONCESSIONS

<https://www.concessions.tas.gov.au/concessions/transport>



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