



TASSO NEWS

May 2021



Who is TASSO?

The Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations (TASSO) is the recognised state peak body & a not-for-profit community organisation representing Tasmanian public schools & colleges. We provide guidance, support and advocacy to families, school associations and school communities.

TASSO is governed by a Board of Management. Board members are volunteers, who come from throughout the state and are nominated and elected by Tasmanian school associations.

We are contacted by & provide information to government departments, both Federal & State, the media & community stakeholders – seeking the collective voice of parents, families & school communities.

It is our believe and aspiration for all students to participate fully in society. To achieve this a learning environment that encourages them to build on their culture, experience & skills requires an education setting which is safe, nurturing & welcoming. An effective school system is a partnership between students, parents, families, communities and schools working together in genuine partnership.

For further information please contact 6243 7718 or email info@tasso.org.au



WHAT DO WE DO?

TASSO is the Tasmanian peak body representing members of school communities, parents/carers, families, students, school associations and the wider community.

We are contacted by and provide information to government departments, both Federal and State, the media and community stakeholders – seeking the **collective voice of families.**



Regional
Forum

Cyber Safety with the Alannah + Madeline Foundation

Join us online or in person for an evening of enlightenment
surrounding this timely concern for us all...

May
18, 25, 26

7-8pm



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This May we're incredibly fortunate to host Wendy from the Alannah and Madeline Foundation, who is going to run us through the eSmart program.

eSmart is a framework offered to all Tasmanian public schools to help educate everyone on how to be a little smarter online and hopefully reduce the possibility of cyberbullying, scams and inappropriate content to name a few.

While the program is out there for students and teachers, it would be really beneficial for all adults to also be aware of what is being taught to their children to provide a fuller education and enhance student wellbeing.

Come along to one of our sessions with Wendy Armstrong. We are hosting the event in each region, South, North and North-West. It will also be cast online. The events in the North and North West will be hosted by our President Jared Dickason but Wendy presenting online.

There will be time for questions and discussion.

Event registration links:

South– <https://events.humanitix.com/esmart-south>

NW– <https://events.humanitix.com/esmart-north-west>

North– <https://events.humanitix.com/esmart-north-west>



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7PM

School association members,
pick up your pen & start thinking
of questions!

Q&A

10th of May - 7-8 TASSO will be holding the 1st of 8 Q&A nights, . They are short and sharp sessions with future dates and daytime sessions to be announced shortly.
Current committee members only

<https://events.humanitix.com/tasso-q-and-a>



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Coming up on the 10th of May will be TASSO's first Q & A session, to be hosted by President Jared Dickason. In what should be the first of many, parents and carers (who are also committee members) will be able to log in and ask all those questions they have always wanted the answer to. It also provides an opportunity to get those answers quickly. Users can log in, get their answer and log straight back out. No need to remain online but if you do leave you'll miss all the wisdom gained by the questions of others. Users will have the opportunity to ask their questions in advance or on the night. We do suggest asking in advance so we can ensure you get the best answer possible, however, if you're unable to do this don't worry we have an extremely knowledgeable team.

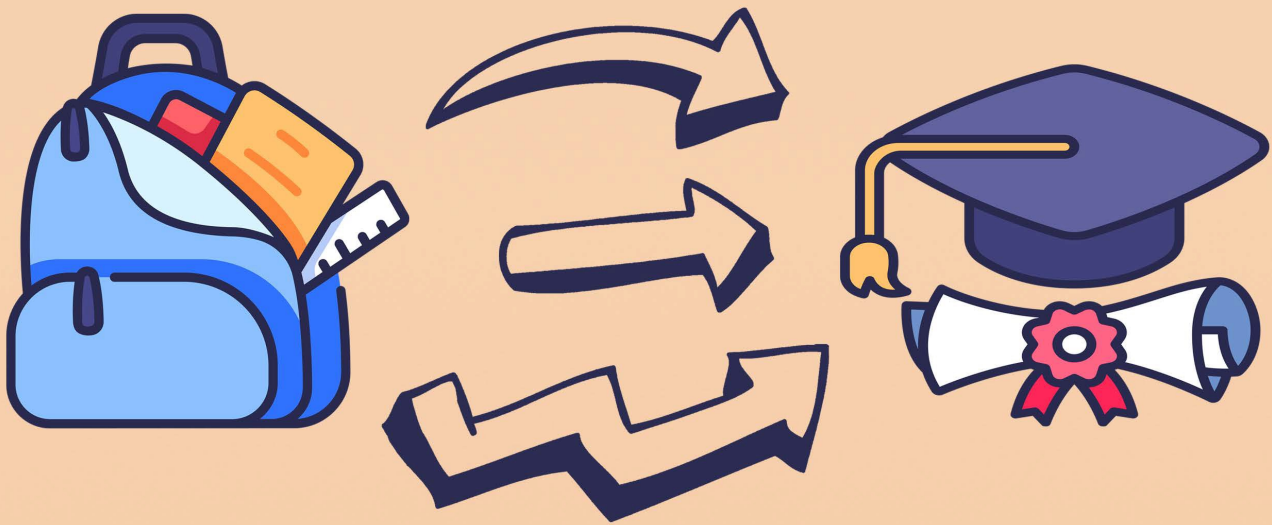
Monday 10 May

Location: Online 7-8pm

Event Page : <https://events.humanitix.com/tasso-q-and-a>

Pathways to Tertiary

Online April 28 - May 19 2021



Hear directly from University and TAFE staff, NDCOs, and other industry experts to help you develop your knowledge and skills for a smoother transition into tertiary education.

Learn how to disclose your disability, seek out available supports and negotiate reasonable adjustments through specifically designed sessions for students, parents/guardians and educators.

Online Q & A sessions, resources, live events

register: tinyurl.com/p2t-21

FUNDRAISING GUIDELINES & HELPFUL LINKS

Fundraising is quite often the primary focus of school association committees, with the aim to get additional resources for the benefit of students. The Department of Education's document

[Secretary's Instructions No 7 for School Associations](#), lists matters that school associations must follow regarding to fundraising:

3.5 Fundraising

3.5.1. Raising Funds

- a. All fundraising undertaken by a school association must directly benefit the school.
- b. A committee must agree by majority vote on each instance of fundraising considered by the committee.
- c. The Principal is not required to approve all fundraising of the school association, but his or her views are to be considered when agreeing on a fundraising activity
- d. Requests for access to school facilities and resources as part of a fundraising activity require the approval of the Principal.

3.5.2. Management of Funds as a result of fundraising

- a. All funds raised in each instance of fundraising must be recorded in the financial records of the school association. The record must clearly state the full details of all income and expenditure associated with the fundraising, and total amount of funds raised.
- b. Financial records must be kept for a period of 7 years.
- c. All funds raised in each instance of fundraising must be held in a secure location or deposited into the authorised deposit-taking institution account operated by the school association, within five business days of receipt.

This link <https://www.treasury.tas.gov.au/search?k=raffles> will provide the guidelines for conducting raffles, bingo, lucky envelopes to name a few fundraising events.

Your local council will also be able to assist with food handling permits.

Your school Principal will be able to tell you about what COVID-19 restrictions might be in place and the Department of Education's [Frequently Asked Questions for Parents](#) also provides information.

There are rules and regulations that apply to fundraising, they are not meant as barriers but rather as tools to make sure everyone is safe, respected and the fun remains in **fund**-raising.

School Mentor Using Technology

3D printing solved Matty's deodorant problem and brought two friends together!

Matty is an 11 year old boy in the state's North-West who lives with a disability that has left him with shortened limb. Among other things, one daily task was difficult for Matty—putting on deodorant. Matty first met Murphy as part of a mentor program between Montello Primary and the Support School.

Matty and Murphy became great friends and it became clear to Murphy, that he may very well be able to solve Matty's problem

Murphy used his school break times to design and 3D print a deodorant holder

"I've always been a very hands-on kind of person so being able to use the 3D printer was much easier than trying to draw it," Murphy said

The project wasn't an overnight success, with early iterations turning out "like a blob".

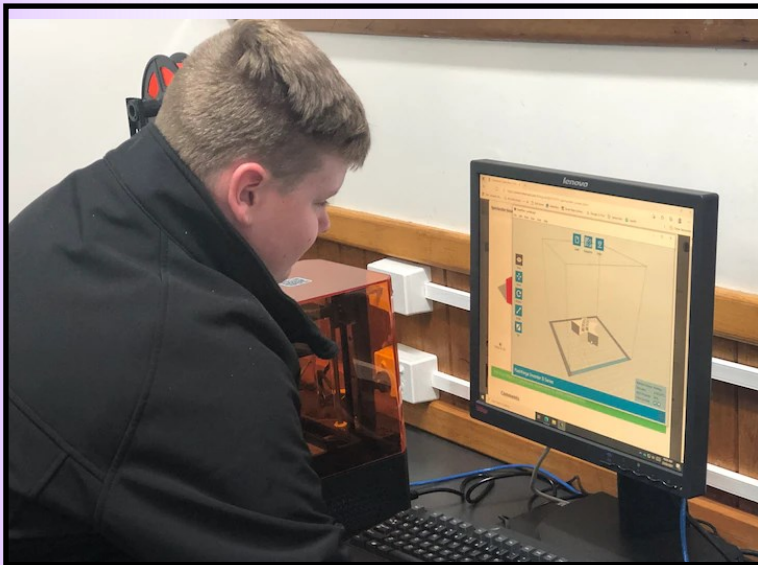
"The first one we did took six hours to print, was black and had Matty's name on it but it had a gap in it that we tried to fix but couldn't."

"The holder he's got now took three attempts and took eight hours to print."

Matty has a very rare blood disorder called Fanconi anaemia, which prevents bone marrow from properly creating new blood cells, which has caused his shortened limbs and stature.

He's one of only about 20 Australians to have the little-known disease.

Being able to put on his own deodorant is an important demonstration of independence.



May 2021

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School Day
 Weekend
 Public Holiday