

TASSO

Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Incorporated.

- The peak parent body in Tasmania for State Schools.
- Is committed to the promotion and protection of student and parent interests in State schools and colleges.
- Is an active member of the national parent organisation Australian Council of State School Organisations.
- Has representation on Government and non-government committees and working groups.
- Provides guidance and resources for School Associations.
- Provides support and information to individuals.
- Stimulates community interest and participation in education.
- Provides information through our website, facebook page, forums, e-Newsletter and an annual state conference.

TASSO is an independent community based apolitical organisation which was founded in 1947, to provide a key support network and independent voice for parents of students in Tasmanian state schools.



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Tasmanian state schools and colleges*



Parents as Partners

YOUR SCHOOL COMMUNITY

School Associations:

- Were established in 2003 when amendments to the Education Act 1994 made it compulsory for all schools to have a school association, with a constitution approved by the Minister. This continues to be the case in the Education Act 2016.
- Consist of all parents/carers of enrolled students, school staff and community members.
- Have an elected committee, made up of representatives from parents/carers, staff, and community members.
- Hold an Annual General Meeting at which time half the representative positions will be declared vacant.



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Parents – vital to great outcomes.

School Association Committees:

- Contribute to the creation and approval of school policies and a code of conduct.
- Aid cooperation between teachers, students, parents and the community.
- Develop parent participation and engagement in the school.
- Assist in the development of the school improvement plan.
- Raise matters of concern as noted by parents or committee members.
- To participate in and provide advice on the selection of the person to be the permanent principal
- Are required to hold a minimum of four meetings per year. These meetings are open to all members of the Association to attend as observers.
- May provide for parents/carers to get together in a less formal way.
- Other functions determined by the Minister or Secretary for Education.

Parents – the essential element.

Parent Groups:

- Many schools have parent groups that operate as sub-committees of their School Association Committee. This group may be called “Parents & Friends”.
- Will meet regularly and have at least one representative who sits on the School Association Committee.

Other ways to volunteer:

- Parent support groups and forums.
- Excursions.
- Fundraising.
- Literacy and Numeracy support.
- School Canteen or Breakfast Club.
- Sports coaching.
- Library, school banking, uniform shop.
- Classroom help.
- School events.
- Walking Bus.
- Working bees.
- School gardening projects

Parent as Partners - the way forward.