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Building Blocks for Strong Literacy

TASSO commends Minister for Education Roger Jaensch and the Tasmanian Liberal Government on the development of two programs that directly extend the education of young people into the home.

The eBook platform *Sora* to be facilitated through school libraries is an excellent initiative that will extend the school library capacity to loan books to students every day of the year, not limiting students to school days.

Granting a broader range of literacy texts and the ability, via the app, to alter text size and colour will hopefully help engage all students with reading.

TASSO would additionally support all schools being resourced sufficiently to allow for the employment of a Library Technician. Library Technicians have the skills to not only help students navigate new technology but also to celebrate reading achievements, to promote books to students that extend their reading skill and most importantly to pass on the passion of reading.

The launch of *Digital Inclusion for 21st Century Learners* to bridge the technology divide is a step in the right direction to fulfill what is an essential material basic in the modern world.

TASSO looks forward to seeing the roll out of the *Digital Inclusion for 21st Century Learners* program for all students without access to technology across the state.

The combination of both these programs in the future can only help grow students' literacy outcomes.

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