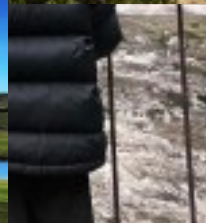


# TASSO NEWS





## PRESIDENT'S ANNUAL REPORT

The objective and purpose stated in the Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations Inc. (TASSO) Constitution, - to promote and protect the interests of families and students in Tasmanian state schools and senior secondary education facilities, is foremost in the minds of the board and staff. It is central to everything we do as the recognised State peak body representing parents, carers, families, school communities and students.

It has been another challenging year all around the world, as we continue to fight COVID outbreaks around Australia. It is true Tasmania has done a great job to avoid the lockdowns throughout Australia, but the anxiety, financial implication and general uncertainty of what is to happen next can be felt through all communities, families and individuals alike.

In 2021 our communities faced a State election, it was encouraging to see all parties present and debate many initiatives focused on education and the betterment of students in schools.

TASSO board would like to congratulate the Liberal party on their win, whilst thanking all candidates for their time and dedication to education and the many who afforded us their time to discuss TASSO vision and appreciation for the role families play in the education of

I would like to take this opportunity on behalf of the TASSO Board to thank the Hon. Jeremy Rockliff for his time, passion and dedication to the education portfolio and his role as Minister. Jeremy over many years was always available and gracious with his time and prepared to listen, offer sound advice and genuinely lead for all in education. TASSO wish Jeremy all the success in his new roles within Government and are assured he will bring the same vigour, passion and wisdom moving forward.

In saying that, I would like to welcome and congratulate the Hon. Sarah Courtney on her appointment to the portfolio of education. In the short time in her role, Minister Courtney and TASSO have had several positive conversations about education and the important role parents, families and carers play in the delivery of an education that aspires to achieve positive outcomes for our students. Minister Courtney's openness, accessibility and passion lead TASSO to believe we will have continued growth and success in building a brighter future for our children.

# Experiencing difficulty at school?

The **Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations** is here to help, with:

1.

Advocacy

2.

Resources

3.

Parent group representation

... and much more!

More information at  
<https://www.tasso.org.au>



TASSO  
INCORPORATED



# Sport + Active

## RECREATION EQUIPMENT

### Grants Program

The Tasmanian government has offered up grants of up to \$25,000 for equipment for your sport or recreation club.

The Tasmanian Government acknowledges the impact of COVID-19 and its resulting effects, including spectator restrictions, loss of revenue, postponements and cancellations, on sport and recreation clubs.

The 2021-22 Sport and Active Recreation Equipment Grants Program provides sport and active recreation clubs with grants of between \$2 000 and \$25 000 to assist with the purchase of additional or replacement equipment.

Applicants are required to contribute **at least 20 per cent** of the total cost of purchasing the equipment (the project cost).



### Body Kind Families

Body Kind Families, a new initiative from the Butterfly Foundation for eating disorders, is for parents of teenagers. It provides FREE resources and important tips on supporting positive body image and being body kind, to our own body and to others.

Body Kind Families is one part of Butterfly's Body Kind annual awareness campaign creating positive body image environments (schools, homes, and online) for young Australians.

Body Kind Family resources have been developed by Butterfly and leading body image experts and include live webinars, videos, tip sheets, audio resources, and family activities on topics that parents said were important to them.

For more info head to  
<https://butterfly.org.au/bodykindfamilies>





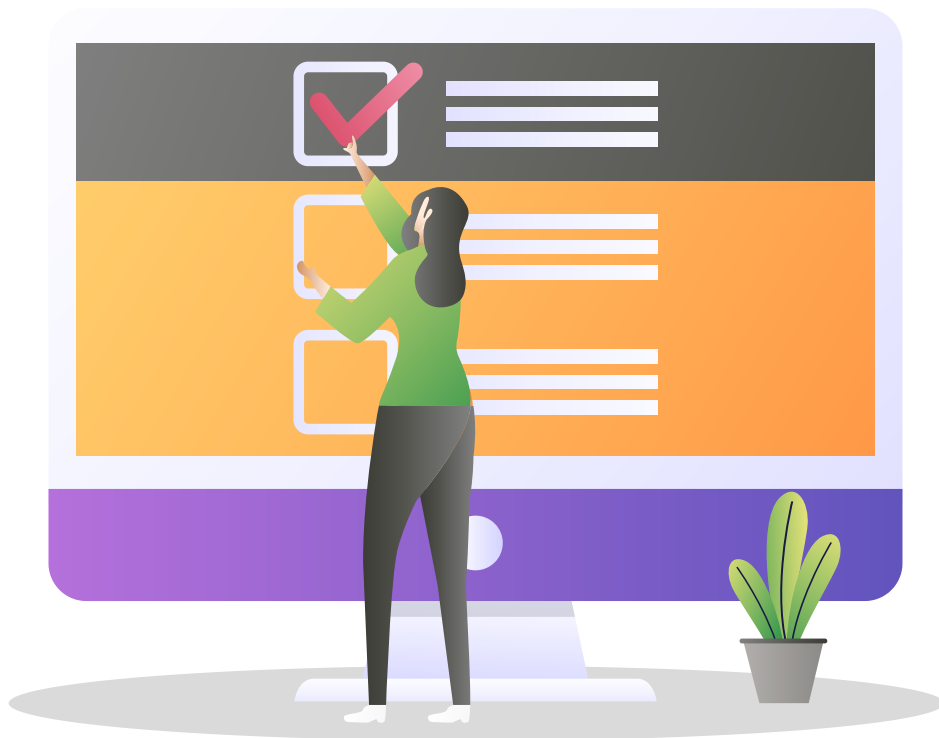
# THE STORY ISLAND PROJECT

WE'RE RECRUITING NEW VOLUNTEER TUTORS FOR OUR  
TERM 4 STORYTELLING WORKSHOPS! THESE FUN, 90-  
MINUTE SESSIONS WILL BE HELD ON TUESDAY MORNINGS  
AT A PRIMARY SCHOOL ON HOBART'S EASTERN SHORE.  
VISIT OUR WEBSITE TO FIND OUT MORE:

# VOLUNTEER



# TASSO Online Survey



**Complete the survey for your  
chance to win 1 of 3 \$50 prepaid  
credit cards**

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





# NATIONAL TESTING

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

# ALLERGIES AND ASTHMA

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

# GIFTED ONLINE COURSES

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

# HEALTHY EATING SCHOOLS AND CANTEENS

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

**Your**  
**Education**  
**Department**

## Learning at Home

Support



WIN PRIZES

# Electrical Safety Week Competition 2021

## Name our new safety character!

There's a new member joining the Bright Sparks Team.  
We've got the design, now all we need is a name!

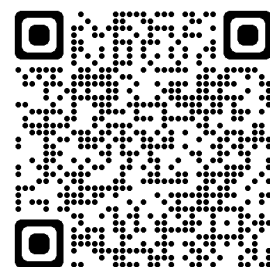
Send in your suggestions for a chance to win prizes for you and your school.



\*draft version of character only

For full competition details visit:  
[www.tasnetworks.com.au/brightsparks](http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/brightsparks)

TasNetworks Powering a Bright Future



For all the details and terms & conditions, please visit:  
[www.tasnetworks.com.au/brightsparks](http://www.tasnetworks.com.au/brightsparks)

# PARENTS

## be informed

Most college students aren't 100% set on what they want to study and where they'd like it to take them.

All a parent wants is to see their child reach their potential. The best thing you can do is inform yourself of the details that could get overlooked by your stressed-out teens.

Help them succeed. Get yourself familiar with courses, their requirements and what qualification a combination of courses will yield, and where they can take your young adult.

[Parents - TASC](#)

or scan





# September 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Newsletter Q+A Online	9 Q+A	10	11	12
13	14	15 Board Meeting	16	17	18 Board Planning	19 Board Induction
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			

# October 2021

MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT	SUN
				1	2	3
4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Q+A Online	14 Q+A Online	15	16	17
18	19	20 Regional	21 Regional	22	23	24
25	26 Regional	27 Newsletter	28	29	30	31