Welcome

In this course guide you will find information about the range of education options on offer to you in Tasmanian Government Schools. Our facilities and teachers are world-class and you will be able to fulfil your study ambitions in a safe, incredible and unique environment.

The Tasmanian Government has a very proud history of welcoming students from diverse cultural and national backgrounds. Our State offers excellent opportunities for students to achieve their goals. A qualification from Tasmania will open doors throughout Australia and across the world.

On behalf of everyone in the Tasmanian community I welcome you to our wonderful State and wish you all the best with your studies.

Why Choose Tasmania?
Learning through discovery.

1. Qualify for Australia’s top Universities: Tasmania has a unique system that offers you the best chance to maximise your ATAR (university entrance) score. Study in Tasmania’s Government Schools and you may gain access to Australian universities like the University of Tasmania (UTAS), Australian National University, University of New South Wales, Monash, University of South Australia or the University of Queensland, among many others.

2. International students make up less than 2% of the total student population in Tasmanian Government Schools. A very low proportion of international students in Tasmanian classes equals an excellent opportunity to build your English language skills and make Australian friends.

3. Living expenses in Tasmanian cities are very affordable and our tuition fees are among the most competitive in Australia. As a student in Tasmania you will pay less for accommodation, transport and everyday items.

4. Achieve your study goals in a safe, welcoming and secure environment. Tasmania has very strong community bonds, and is small and friendly. Getting around is easy; there are no traffic jams and our State is free from pollution – in fact, Tasmania officially has the cleanest air in the world!

5. No mandatory English preparation courses: ESL is delivered alongside mainstream courses, meaning flexible intake dates and direct entry to Government Schools.

So why not discover the difference?
For more information contact the Tasmanian Government’s international education office – call +61 3 6165 5727 to speak with an admissions officer, or email info@geti.tas.gov.au
The Island State

Tasmania is Australia’s only island state. Located just 240km from the Australian mainland, Tasmania offers a unique environment for study, work and for holidays. Gain your education in a place where modern urban cities meet stunning natural wilderness. The people are friendly, the air is clear, the culture is rich and the lifestyle is relaxed. Tasmania has something for everyone, no matter what their taste.

**Founded:** 1803

**Size:** 68,331 Square Kilometres (comparable in size to Ireland or South Korea)

**Population:** 510,000

### Getting here

Separated from the Australian mainland by a stretch of water known as the Bass Strait, Tasmania is accessible by air or sea.

### By air

The quickest way to reach Tasmania is by air. Australia’s major airlines offer frequent flights between Tasmania and Australia’s major cities. A flight from Melbourne to Tasmania’s capital city Hobart will take just 50 minutes, and Melbourne to Launceston will only take 35 minutes. A flight from Sydney to Hobart will take less than two hours. Airlines Jetstar, Qantas, Virgin Australia and Tiger often offer sale fares, so prices can vary.

For information on flights, see the “Useful websites” section of this booklet on page 34.

### By sea

Devonport, in the north-west of Tasmania, is home to the State’s main ocean port. Two ferries, the Spirit of Tasmania I and II, operate regular day and night crossings between Melbourne and Devonport. Fares will vary depending on the type of ticket purchased.

For information on booking a ferry to Tasmania, see the “Useful websites” section of this booklet on page 34.
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Founded in 1806, Launceston is situated inland in the north of Tasmania, at a point where three rivers meet. Home to a population of 105,000, Launceston is recognised for its historical architecture, with many Victorian and Georgian buildings beautifully preserved. In this charming city you have the chance to live a relaxing and rewarding lifestyle.

Things to do

• During the winter months, take a day-trip to nearby alpine park Ben Lomond for some skiing or snowboarding.
• Do some star gazing at the Queen Victoria Museum and Art Gallery’s Planetarium, located at Inveresk.
• Spend the day at the Cataract Gorge with friends. Set within an ancient extinct volcano, the Gorge is the perfect spot for a picnic, swimming, and rock-climbing. It is also home to the world’s longest single-span chair lift.
• Barrack for a team at an Australian Football League (AFL) game. Launceston’s Aurora Stadium is host to four AFL games per year and attracts crowds from all over Australia.

Tasmanian weather

Tasmania has a “temperate” climate. This means that our summers are not too hot, and our winters are not too cold. Similar to Switzerland, France, Chile and Italy, we have four distinct seasons in Tasmania: Summer, Autumn, Winter and Spring.

Summer
December, January, February
Warm days, afternoon sea breezes and long evenings.
The sun is very strong because of the clear atmosphere, so you will need to use sunscreen and wear a hat.
Average maximum temperature is 22°C or 72°F.

Autumn
March, April, May
Calm, temperate days with clear blue skies and cooler evenings. The days begin to get shorter as “daylight saving” time comes to an end, and colourful leaves begin to fall.
In late Autumn, you may need to wear a sweater as the weather starts to cool.
Average maximum temperature is 20°C or 68°F.

Winter
June, July, August
Skies remain clear and blue and there is sometimes snow on the mountains.
Enjoy hot food and warm log fires – and don’t forget to wear a coat and gloves!
Average maximum temperature is 13°C or 55°F.

Spring
September, October, November
Cool mornings turn to warm afternoons and the days begin to get longer as “daylight saving” time begins.
Gardens throughout the State begin to bloom and skies are often swept with light clouds.
Average maximum temperature is 18°C or 64°F.
Student Living

Tasmanian Government Homestay service

GETI Tasmania proudly runs its own homestay service for international students studying at Tasmanian Government Schools.

All GETI Tasmania homestay hosts will provide you with the following:
- a fully furnished bedroom
- a dedicated study area with desk, chair and lamp
- three meals per day
- laundry facilities
- a key to your homestay home.

In addition, your homestay hosts will offer support for:
- involvement in family, community and Australian cultural activities
- transport
- learning and education programs
- health and welfare care and services.

A secure Government-run service

The Tasmanian Government ensures that all homestay hosts must hold a current Good Character profile, which is authorised by the Tasmanian Police.

There are two dedicated Homestay Coordinators available to assist you with any questions or concerns.

Our office provides a 24 hour/7 days per week emergency service to students.

Guanli Chen, an international student currently studying at Hobart College says of her homestay family:

“They are very nice. When I arrived in Hobart for the first time, they picked me up at the airport. My family likes to share their life with their students. When I have questions, I always ask my homestay to help me. They enjoy helping me and they take me when they travel and share Australian culture with me. I feel so lucky.

My homestay father is a good cook. He can cook Chinese food, Korean food, Japanese food, Malaysian food, Greek food, Italian food and Mexican food. When I come home from school, they always ask me about my school life and progress and they are happy to help when I have tests for ESL.

I am satisfied with my bedroom which is comfortable for me, and they provide lots of fruits, breads and other foods.”

Guanli Chen, Hobart College

Please note: Internet

All students use the internet for study and to keep in touch with family and friends. GETI does not require homestay host families to provide internet, however most families will. For more information on internet access, contact GETI’s Homestay Coordinators for guidance.
**Food**

Meals are included as part of GETI Tasmania’s Homestay service however, if you like eating out at restaurants, there are a range of wonderful places offering local and international cuisine. For an Asian dish at a casual restaurant or cafe, expect to pay AU$10–$20. For a fresh seafood meal, expect to pay approximately AU$30.

**Driving your own car**

If you have a current overseas driver licence and hold a temporary international student visa you can drive in Tasmania on your overseas licence.

When driving in Tasmania:
- you must carry your overseas licence with you.
- if your licence is NOT in English, you must also carry an official translation of your licence OR a current International Driving Permit (available at RACT www.ract.com.au).
- your overseas licence and International Driving Permit must be current (not expired, suspended or cancelled).
- you must obey all Tasmanian road rules.

For more information visit www.transport.tas.gov.au/licensing/newtotas

It is also possible for international students to obtain a Tasmanian driver’s licence. For information about minimum age requirements and the process for obtaining a licence, please contact Service Tasmania on 1300 13 55 13 or at www.service.tas.gov.au/contact/

**Public transport**

Because Tasmania’s cities are simple to get around, we only need one form of public transport: buses. Metro Tasmania is the largest passenger transport company in Tasmania and operates bus services in Hobart and Launceston.

In Tasmania, international students can get a discount on their bus fares, so you can expect to pay AU$15–$20 per week for public transport. An electronic ticketing system, known as a Metro Greencard, is also available which will allow you to pre-purchase your bus fares at a cheaper price.

**Working**

Finding work in Tasmania is just like finding work anywhere else. The availability of jobs is not guaranteed, however there are plenty of people to help you in your search for a job and give you advice. Students often find work in hospitality and service industries, and earn approximately AU$14–$20 per hour. For information on student visa work conditions visit www.immi.gov.au.
The Tasmanian Education System

Which level of schooling?
The Tasmanian Government provides schooling for students starting at four years of age. Beginning in Kindergarten, students continue their education through Primary School, Junior High School, and Senior High School. Upon completion of Senior High School, students can choose to continue their academic studies at a university or vocational education provider. As an international student, you can enter into any school year level. However, if you are under 12 years of age, then a parent or guardian will have to come to Tasmania with you.

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Assessment
The Tasmanian education system features a flexible and innovative assessment framework that aims to give students the best possible chance to succeed. Assessment consists of continuous assignments and tests throughout the academic year.

In addition, for Senior High School students, there are two examination periods. Generally around 70% of final marks are generated internally and 30% are generated from exams.

For specific information on assessment related to the Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) please visit: http://www.tqa.tas.gov.au/

English Entry Requirements
There is no minimum English language level required for entry into any of the Tasmanian Government Schools. The only requirement is that you have a basic level of English understanding; however no formal English test results will be required. All that we ask is to see your most recent school transcript.

Tasmania’s Government Schools support students with many different levels of English language skill. Each school provides English as a Second Language (ESL) tuition, so as soon as you arrive in Tasmania you can start attending your school, and receive as much English tuition as you require.

When you arrive in Tasmania, you won’t be required to complete an English Preparation course before you are able to attend classes with local Tasmanian students. This means that you get to study many subjects and spend lots of time with local students straight away. It also means very flexible intake dates; you can start your study at any time throughout the year.

Tasmanian Education System

Primary School
(Kindergarten to Year 6)

Junior High School
(Years 7 to 10)

Senior High School
(Years 11 and 12)

TasTAFE
(a registered TAFE provider)

University of Tasmania
All Tasmanian Government Schools offer English as a Second Language (ESL) tuition on campus. The programs delivered in each school will vary, however all will teach you a range of important skills for improving your English language level. You will receive English language tuition to suit your level of ability.

English as a Second Language Program

You will be taught how to:
• read beginner and intermediate texts, such as newspaper articles, short stories, poems and novels
• speak and listen through conversations, group work, interviews and speeches
• improve your grammar, punctuation and spelling
• increase your vocabulary
• write responses to written texts, explain your ideas and express your opinion
• write journals, news articles, stories and letters
• manage your study and improve your study skills
• conduct research
• write job applications and resumes
• use Information and Computer Technologies to create communications.

A range of in-class activities are used to make your learning engaging and interactive. These include:
• class discussions
• silent reading
• journal writing
• viewing and listening to movies and CDs
• excursions to museums, historical sites and other places of interest
• group work.

The sorts of topics that you will explore in class include:
• identity
• family
• everyday life
• transport
• likes and dislikes
• eating and drinking
• geography
• careers and education
• hobbies and interests
• culture and tradition.

Your ESL tuition will be delivered alongside “mainstream” subjects, such as Maths, Science, History and Art. This means that you will get to attend classes with local Tasmanian classmates, which is a great way to practise your English language skills.
Subjects Offered
Junior High School

In Junior High School, you will study a broad range of subjects, both academic and recreational. These school years are a really good time to work out which subjects interest you, and which subjects you would like to study more in the future.

In Years 7 and 8 you will study a range of compulsory subjects, including the core subjects Maths, Science, English and Humanities, as well as recreational subjects such as Physical Education, Art, Computing, and Design and Technology.

In Years 9 and 10 you will continue to study the compulsory core subjects – Maths, Science, English and Humanities – but you will get to select which other subjects you would like to study. For example, you may have a strong interest in Science and Computing, so you may elect to study Computing and Extended Science.

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*Please note: In Junior High School, mathematics and science subjects include foundation coverage of all major disciplines. For example, science will cover physics, chemistry and biology.
Senior High School

Government Senior High Schools are very unique in Tasmania. Students studying Years 11 and 12 attend different campuses to those studying at Junior High Schools.

The structure of the Senior High Schools provides students with more independence and encourages them to develop a strong work ethic. The program is designed to help students develop a set of skills that they can apply to their tertiary studies and future employment.

In Years 11 and 12 you will be able to elect which subjects you study. It is compulsory to study ESL, however you can then select the subject areas that you would like to focus on. There are a wide range of subject areas on offer. Options include academic focussed subjects, such as Maths, Science, History, and Religion, but also recreational subjects such as Photography, Drama, and Outdoor Education.

Vocational training is also available at Tasmania’s Senior High Schools. Students are able to complete Certificate I and II in areas such as Hospitality, Tourism, Automotive and Business, as well as many others. These courses connect into a pathway for further vocational training at TasTAFE.

Often the subjects that you select will be subjects that are relevant to your desired career.
The Tasmanian Government Schools Academic Program is suitable for students who are planning to complete the TCE and continue their studies at university level.

The TCE is the qualification awarded to students who complete Senior High School in Tasmania. It is recognised throughout Australia by universities and employers.

Students studying the Academic Program will normally study at a Senior High School for two years: Year 11 and 12. Each year, a student would normally study four or five subjects. There are no restrictions or limitations on which subjects you can study, and there are Career Counsellors and International Student Advisors available to help you choose the subjects most relevant to your interests and career plan.

In Australia, all universities allocate places to students based on their Year 11 and 12 school results. These results form your Australian Tertiary Admissions Ranking (ATAR).

To gain entry to a university, it is a requirement that students study (and successfully complete) at least four “pre-tertiary” or “pre-university” subjects. In Tasmania, these pre-university subjects are known as Level 3 subjects. As these subjects are at a pre-university level, they are quite advanced. In most subject areas there are also related Level 2 subjects which can be studied as an introduction or foundation to a Level 3 subject. This means that if you would like more preparation before studying pre-university subjects, you can choose to study the Level 2 subjects first.

### School Pathway

**Year 10**

**Year 11 and Year 12**

**ATAR** (University entrance score)

**University**

**University Pathway**

**TasTAFE**

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8:45am – 10:10am | ESL 3C | Outdoor Education 2C | Biology 3C | Maths Methods 3C | Physics 3C
10:10am – 10:30am | Morning Tea | Morning Tea | Morning Tea | Morning Tea | Morning Tea
10:30am – 12:00noon | ESL 3C | Outdoor Education 2C | ESL 3C | Maths Methods 3C | Physics 3C
12:00noon – 1:00pm | Lunch/ Tutorials | Lunch/ Tutorials | Lunch/ Tutorials | Lunch/ Tutorials | Lunch/ Tutorials
1:00pm – 2:25pm | Biology 3C | Maths Methods 3C | Physics 3C | Outdoor Education 2C | Biology 3C
2:30pm – 4:00pm | English Foundation 2B | | | | English Foundation 2B
School rankings: Top academic performers in Tasmania 2014:

In 2014, six out of the top twelve performing Senior High Schools in Tasmania were Tasmanian Government Schools. These rankings are based on the number of students per school who achieved an ATAR score in the top 100 Tasmanian scores for 2014.

(source: Tasmanian Qualifications Authority)

The Australian Tertiary Admissions Rank

The Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) is used by students applying for university in Australia. The system allows students to access university courses from across Australia, irrespective of the state or territory in which they completed their Year 12 studies. Therefore, by completing your Senior High School program in Tasmania, you will be able to apply to Australian universities with your ATAR.

The way that an ATAR is calculated is a complex process, however it allows students from anywhere within Australia to be graded by the same system. Your subject scores will be assessed alongside the scores received from students all over Australia, and will be converted into an ATAR.

The ATAR score is expressed as a percentage. An ATAR of 90.00, for example, means that a student is performing in the top 10% of students in Australia that year. The maximum possible ATAR is 99.95.

To be eligible for University entrance, a student must:
- Successfully complete a minimum of four Level 3 courses.
- Students can study up to ten Level 3 courses – where students have more than five courses in total, the Tasmanian Qualifications Authority will automatically calculate the best score for the student.
- A maximum of five Level 3 courses will be used to calculate their ATAR.

All Australian universities send offers of course places to students based on their ATAR. Individual universities can provide information on the minimum ATAR needed to be offered a place for each course, however the higher your ATAR the better chance you will have of receiving an offer in the course you are aiming for.

For more information on the TCE and ATAR, visit www.tqa.tas.gov.au

Sample study results:

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Study Abroad

The Study Abroad Program is a highly flexible program for students wanting to complete a short-term study period in a Tasmanian Government school.

Study Abroad offers students full immersion into a Tasmanian school in any year from 7–12. From as little as two weeks, up to one year, you will study a range of subjects with local Tasmanian classmates. You will make Australian friends, and be able to spend morning tea and lunch time with them, practising your English skills. You can also elect to participate in extra-curricular activities with other students from your school, which is a great way to experience Tasmania’s culture.

Throughout your stay, you will live with a Tasmanian family in a ‘homestay’ arrangement (see page 8 for more information). This will allow you to experience what it is like to live in Tasmania.

The core study focus of the Study Abroad Program is improving your English language skills. English is the only compulsory subject. You can then choose which other subjects you would like to study. Core academic subjects to choose from include Maths, Science and Humanities, and recreational subjects on offer include Outdoor Education, Cooking, Graphic Design, Art and Music.

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Study Tours

Tasmania’s short-term Study Tours provide groups of students with the opportunity to experience Australian culture through a combination of study, educational excursions, and sight-seeing.

Study Tours are organised by education agents and schools, and can be customised based on the desired activities, number of students, and tour duration.

All Study Tours run by GETI provide students with the opportunity to experience what it is like to study in a Tasmanian school. Students will attend classes alongside local students, studying a range of different subjects including Maths, English, Science, History, Music, Drama, Foods and Hospitality and Physical Recreation.

Throughout the tour, students will live with a Tasmanian family in a ‘homestay’ arrangement (see page 8 for more information). This will allow them to experience what it is like to live in Tasmania.

Study Tours may also combine a range of additional experiences, including dedicated English as a Second Language (ESL) classes, sightseeing excursions, educational excursions, and welcome and farewell events.

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If you are interested in organising a Tasmanian Study Tour, please contact GETI for information on pricing and customisation options.
International student advisors

Our schools have dedicated Student Advisors to support you throughout your studies. Available on Monday – Friday, from 8:30am – 5:00pm (in person or via phone and email), the student advisors will provide you with advice on settling in to Tasmania, manage your orientation, and be the first point of contact if you ever have any problems or issues.

Your International Student Advisor will liaise with teaching and other school staff to monitor your academic progress. If you require a course change, or want some advice about planning your study pathway, your international advisor will give you all of the answers you require.

24/7 emergency phone line

A 24 hour per day, 7 day per week emergency phone line is provided for all international students studying at Tasmania’s Government Schools. If any student is ever in trouble of any kind, help is never far away.

Language and learning support

All of Tasmania’s Government schools have dedicated English support for international students. If you require assistance with new English terms and words, or would like more detailed assistance, this is available alongside your course tuition for no extra cost.

Pre-departure information

Before you leave your home country, we send you a pre-departure guide which provides helpful information about living in Tasmania. The information provided in the guide covers things like flights, clothing, cost of living, shopping, transport and banking. We are also happy to answer any other questions that you may have about your life in Tasmania.

Airport pick-up

You will be met at the airport upon arrival and taken to your accommodation so you can settle in. There is no airport pick-up fee charged by the Tasmanian Government.

Banking and phone set-up

Upon your arrival in Tasmania, we assist you with setting up a mobile phone and a bank account.

Orientation

All Tasmanian Government School students receive a detailed course orientation prior to commencing their studies. The orientation includes an outline of the subjects that will be studied, the number of tuition hours each week and timetables for classes, and also establishes the expectations of students.

Student cafes and study facilities

All campuses are serviced by canteens that serve both hot and cold food and drinks for students. Modern library and computer facilities are available at each campus to all students throughout the study week.

Buddy System

Most of the schools in the international program offer a Buddy System. Your buddy will be a local Tasmanian student who can show you around the school, give you information on activities, and help you settle in and make friends.

We will help you with:
• Setting up a Mobile Phone
• Setting up a Bank Account
• Organising public transport
Taroona High School

Year Established: 1957
Number of Students: 875
Number of International Student Places: 30
- Strong music and musical theatre program
- Advanced IT facilities
- Has its own beach and offers a number of marine programs

Kingston High School

Year Established: 1972
Number of Students: 725
Number of International Student Places: 10
- Brand new open-plan facilities
- Runs an Artists-in-Residence program
- Offers a range of hands-on subjects including Robotics and Computer Aided Design
Ogilvie High School
Year Established: 1937
Number of Students: 810
Number of International Student Places: 15
- All girls’ high school
- Participates in the Model United Nations Assembly
- Runs an on-campus fitness centre, offering group classes

Rose Bay High School
Year Established: 1961
Number of Students: 690
Number of International Student Places: 10
- Offers an outstanding music program
- Runs an environmental program

Clarence High School
Year Established: 1959
Number of Students: 450
Number of International Student Places: 20
- School is located 200m from the beach
- Offers kayaking, surfing and rock music studies

New Town High School
Year Established: 1919
Number of Students: 780
Number of International Student Places: 15
- All boys’ high school
- Runs a specialist music program
Northern Tasmania Junior High Schools

Prospect High School

Year Established: 1966
Number of Students: 450
Number of International Student Places: 10
- Extensive grounds used for a wide range of recreational activities
- Vocational cooking program
- Work experience programs
Queechy High School

Year Established: 1958
Number of Students: 700
Number of International Student Places: 25

- Marine science camp
- Runs a year 11 maths program for advanced students
- Participates in science and engineering challenges

Devonport High School

Year Established: 1917
Number of Students: 580
Number of International Student Places: 15

- Nationally recognised kayaking extra-curricular program
- Stationery, books and uniforms are provided free of charge to international students
Hobart College

Year Established: 1913
Number of Students: 1000
Number of International Student Places: 100
- Catering for international students for over 30 years
- Has educated 17 Rhodes Scholars in a long tradition of excellent academic achievements
- Has its own theatre with a seating capacity of 600

Southern Tasmania Senior High Schools

HOBART CITY CENTRE

Elizabeth College

10 minutes by car

Hobart College

10 minutes by car

Rosny College

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HOBART CITY CENTRE

Elizabeth College

10 minutes by car

Hobart College

10 minutes by car

Rosny College
Elizabeth College

Year Established: 1967
Number of Students: 1000
Number of International Student Places: 50
- Home to the Tasmanian School of Golf and State Volleyball Development Centre
- Runs an internationally-recognised Athlete Development program
- Runs an Advanced Academic Diploma which offers a challenging program for gifted students

Rosny College

Year Established: 1973
Number of Students: 1200
Number of International Student Places: 50
- One of the top two Performing Art schools in Australia
- Best performing Tasmanian Senior High School for University entrance in 2008
- State-of-the-art Woodwork, Metalwork and Automotive workshops
Launceston College

Year Established: 1916
Number of Students: 1400
Number of International Student Places: 60
- Runs a debating program
- Has its own 20-metre swimming pool, spa and sauna
- Runs a radio station
Newstead College

Year Established: 1997
Number of Students: 800
Number of International Student Places: 35
- Has its own fully-equipped industrial teaching kitchen with restaurant attached
- Involvement with the UTAS College program to enable students to complete University units whilst still at College
- Has its own television recording studio

Don College

Year Established: 1973
Number of Students: 930
Number of International Student Places: 10
- Located close to Devonport’s Olympic-sized swimming pool and other recreational facilities
- Runs a Landcare Program in conjunction with the Devonport City Council and offers an International Climate Club
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Note: Tasmanian Government Schools have flexible intakes throughout the school year. Students can enrol at any time.

Tuition Fees*

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<td>Primary School (Years 1–6)</td>
<td>AUS$11,000</td>
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<td>AUS$12,200</td>
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*Fees listed above cover tuition fees, including English Language tuition and enrolment in enrichment activities. Fees for school books, uniforms and specific excursions are extra. Contact GETI Tasmania for more information.

Homestay Fee

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<th>Years 7–8</th>
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<td>AUS$273 per week</td>
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A one-off homestay placement fee of $200 applies.

Administration Fee

The administration fee covers guardianship, application, school placement and homestay or school changes.

AUS$50 per month
Maximum AUS$300 per year

Overseas Student Health Cover

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Tasmanian Government Schools Application Form

Please include the following:
• Current year academic report and school references
• A copy of your passport and visa
• English language results (if available)
• Medical report, noting diagnosis and treatment plan for any existing conditions, where applicable

Please return this application and supporting documents to:
Government Education & Training International
Email: info@geti.tas.gov.au
Fax: +61 3 6233 7839 Tel: +61 3 6165 5727

1. Student details:
   Family name: ____________________________
   First name: ____________________________
   Other name(s): __________________________
   Preferred name: __________________________
   Gender: Male [ ] Female [ ]
   Date of birth: (Day) ______ / (Month) _____ / (Year) ______
   Country of birth: __________________________
   Country of citizenship: __________________________
   Passport number: __________________________
   Home country address: __________________________
   _______________ _______________ Postcode: _______________
   Phone number: __________________________
   Email: __________________________

2. Parents/Legal Guardian contact details:
   First Parent/Legal Guardian
   Name: __________________________
   Relationship to student: __________________________
   Occupation: __________________________
   Phone: __________________________
   Email: __________________________

   Second Parent/Legal Guardian
   Name: __________________________
   Relationship to student: __________________________
   Occupation: __________________________
   Phone: __________________________
   Email: __________________________

3. Parents/Legal Guardian billing details:
   Who will be making tuition payments?
   Father [ ] Mother [ ] Other [ ]
   Name: __________________________
   Phone: __________________________
   Email: __________________________

4. Education background:
   Current school: __________________________
   Current grade/year level: __________________________
   Have you studied in Australia before? No [ ] Yes [ ]
   If yes, school name: __________________________
   Start date: __________ Finish date: __________

5. English language background:
   Have you studied English? No [ ] Yes [ ]
   If yes, how many years have you studied English? ______
   Have you taken an English proficiency test?
   No [ ] Yes [ ] (Please attach certificate)

6. School placement/proposed course:
   Study Abroad (not seeking a qualification)
   Senior High School [ ] Y11 [ ] Y12
   High School [ ] Y7 [ ] Y8 [ ] Y9 [ ] Y10
   Bridging program (minimum 10 weeks)
   Primary School (Years 1 to 6)
   Proposed commencement date:
   [ ] Term 1 (February) [ ] Term 3 (July)
   [ ] Term 2 (May) [ ] Term 4 (October)
   Proposed end date: (D) _____ / (M) _____ / (Y) ______

Preferred school or region:
1st Preference: __________________________
2nd Preference: __________________________
[ ] No preference
Special interest/subjects/hobbies/career plan: __________________________
7. Accommodation:

- Homestay       - Guardian (Please fill out guardian details below)

Guardian Name: ____________________________
Relationship to student: ______________________
Residential address: __________________________
Phone: ________________________________
Mobile: ___________________________
Email: ________________________________

8. Special requirements:

- Do you have any special dietary needs?  
  - No  
  - Yes (Please specify): __________________________

- Do you have any religious requirements?  
  No  
  Yes: If yes, please give details: __________________________

9. Medical information:

Blood Type:  
- A  
- B  
- AB  
- O  
- RH+  
- RH-

Have you been vaccinated against the following:  
(This is for information only, not a requirement)

- Tetanus  
  - No  
  - Yes (D) ___ / (M) ___ / (Y) ___

- Polio  
  - No  
  - Yes (D) ___ / (M) ___ / (Y) ___

- Measles  
  - No  
  - Yes (D) ___ / (M) ___ / (Y) ___

- Hepatitis A  
  - No  
  - Yes (D) ___ / (M) ___ / (Y) ___

- Hepatitis B  
  - No  
  - Yes (D) ___ / (M) ___ / (Y) ___

- Allergy – eg. food, medication, chemical, animals, plants (Please specify): __________________________

- Physical or learning disability (Please specify): __________________________

- Medical condition* (Please specify): __________________________

*Please attach a recent medical report which provides information about your medical condition and treatment.

In case of emergency

I give permission for my son/daughter to receive medical attention organised by school, homestay host or Government Education and Training International.

I acknowledge and agree that I am responsible the costs incurred in providing medical treatment and associated service for my son/daughter.

Parent/Legal guardian signature: __________________________
Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Please note that failure to disclose medical information may result in your enrolment being cancelled.

10. How did you find out about Tasmanian Government Schools?

- Exhibition/Seminar  
- Advertisement  
- Website  
- Relative/Friend  
- Agent  
- Other __________________________

11. Student Profile:

Use the space below to write about yourself, your family, your interests and your future plans. Please attach any additional information and photos that will help us select a suitable homestay placement.

Applicant’s signature: __________________________
Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Parent’s signature: __________________________
Date: ___ / ___ / ___

Personal and sensitive information will be collected from you for the purpose of informing your application and will be used by Government Education and Training International for assessing and determining the application. Failure to provide this information may result in your application not being able to be processed or the service not being able to be provided. Your personal information will be used for the primary purpose for which it is collected, and may be disclosed to other public sector bodies where necessary for the efficient storage and use of the information. Personal information will be managed in accordance with the Personal Information Protection Act 2004 and may be accessed by the individual to whom it relates on request to the Government Education and Training International. You can obtain a copy of the department’s Personal Information Protection Policy on request to Government Education and Training International or at http://www.tas.gov.au,stds/pip.htm.

Business name: __________________________
Phone number: __________________________
Contact person: __________________________
Email: __________________________
Applying to study at a Tasmanian Government School is an easy process – you are welcome to apply directly to us, or by using the services of one of our registered education agents in your country (see the GETI website for more information: http://international.education.tas.edu.au/how-to-apply/Pages/find-a-study-agent.aspx)

The total time for processing an application and providing a course offer letter is three days on average. Please follow the steps below carefully so we can process your application as quickly as possible.

**Application Process**

**Student:**
Complete and submit the Tasmanian Government Schools application form.

**GETI:**
Once the application is received, it is assessed and a course offer letter will be sent to you.

**Student:**
Carefully read the course offer letter, including payment details and refund policy, then sign the document, make payment to GETI Tasmania and send the course acceptance forms.

**GETI:**
GETI sends the Confirmation of Enrolment (CoE) certificate to you.

**Student:**
You inform GETI Tasmania when your student visa is granted and also provide your arrival flight details.

**GETI:**
GETI provides you with a pre-departure guide and enrolment information.

**Student:**
Commence your study at a Tasmanian Government school.

If you are seeking more help with your application, please contact the Government Education and Training International office to speak with our student admissions team:

**Phone:** +61 3 6165 5727
**Fax:** +61 3 6233 7839
**Email:** info@geti.tas.gov.au

More Information

Useful websites

www.study.tas.gov.au
The Tasmanian Government’s international education website – the central portal for international students of the Tasmanian Government

www.discovertasmania.com
Information about Tasmania’s amazing attractions, climate and culture

www.immi.gov.au
The Australian Department of Immigration and Citizenship’s website – for information relating to visas and migration

www.seek.com.au
A major recruitment website for job seekers in Australia

www.graduatecareers.com.au
Information about graduation statistics, average salaries and growth industries

Travel providers

Airlines:
www.qantas.com.au
www.jetstar.com.au
www.virginaustralia.com.au
www.tigerairways.com

Ferry:
www.spiritoftasmania.com.au

Useful contact numbers

Government Education and Training International: +61 3 6165 5727

24 hour student emergency phone line: +61 3 6231 1003

Australian Department of Immigration and Border Protection – student visa hotline – 131 881

National Emergency Line – 000
Australian Government protection for international students

At GETI Tasmania, we want our students to have a safe, rewarding and enjoyable time in Tasmania. Students studying in Australia on student visas are protected by the Education Services for Overseas Students (ESOS) Act and the National Code of Practice for Registration Authorities and Providers of Education and Training to Overseas Students.

ESOS protects international students by setting consistent standards for education providers and consumer protection for students.

No matter where you are studying in Australia, international students are protected by ESOS. You can find out more from the Australian Government’s Department of Education and Training https://internationaleducation.gov.au