

**OFFICE OF TASMANIAN ASSESSMENT, STANDARDS &
CERTIFICATION (TASC) AWARDS PRESENTATION
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
HOBART TOWN HALL, MONDAY 30 JANUARY 2023**

Good afternoon everyone.

I pay my respects to the traditional and original owners of this land: the palawa people. I acknowledge the contemporary Tasmanian Aboriginal community and recognise their continued connection to land, sea, and waters. I acknowledge the impacts of colonisation upon our First People and commit to a future that listens to and respects Aboriginal stories, culture, and history.

May I acknowledge among us:

- the Honourable Josh Willie MLC, Shadow Minister for Education and Early Years, TAFE, University and Skills and Training, Transport and Sport;
- School representatives, parents and friends.

As Governor, I congratulate our 2022 young Tasmanian high achievers, including those who are unable to be here with us today.

The Outstanding Achievement in Vocational Education and Training (VET) Award requires demonstrated excellence in a VET program and successful achievement in the Tasmanian Certificate of Education.

The Outstanding Academic Achievement Award recognises students who have achieved an Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) of 99.5 or above.

Recognition of these students is important, not only as a way of acknowledging each individual, but also as an indicator that Tasmania's education sector is fully able to support and promote our highest achievers.

The significance of The Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification (TASC), is commendable in ensuring appropriate standards in senior secondary schooling across all Tasmanian educational sectors.

I quote two Statements in this regard:

“To ensure assessment is fair and valid for all students, TASC expects schools to meet the requirements of registration including participation in quality assurance processes, and meeting the standards for academic integrity and the internal moderation of assessments.”

And:

“TASC certification is underpinned by the values of integrity, equity and lifelong learning...”

The Office of TASC is hands-on and approachable in connecting parents and guardians to information about senior secondary education, to help them provide support and assist the student. This includes information about courses, assessments, results and contacting schools for further information.

So, may I say thank you to TASC who provide this really important information and assistance.

May I congratulate each of you who are about to be recognised, for your hard work and your personal achievements. Your award should give you confidence and encouragement to work towards your goals and ambitions outlined in today’s presentation booklet.

Your range of intended careers is truly impressive. You also have the potential to become influential in Tasmania and beyond in the years ahead.

I expect that your education experience will continue to be rewarding intellectually, spiritually and materially.

Congratulations and well done to all recipients and best wishes for your futures.

Thank you.