

**OFFICE OF TASMANIAN ASSESSMENT, STANDARDS & CERTIFICATION
(TASC) OUTSTANDING ACHIEVEMENT AWARDS
PRESENTATION CEREMONY
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALL ROOM, MONDAY 29 JANUARY 2024**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED

Please be seated.

Good afternoon, everyone, and a very warm welcome to Government House for the presentation of the Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards & Certification Awards.

I begin by acknowledging the Muwinina people upon whose Country we gather, who flourished on Country as part of the South-East Nation of Aboriginal people. We honour them, and today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community, as ongoing custodians of Country. I recognise their enduring culture and continued connection to land, sea, and waters.

I acknowledge members of the TASC Framework Advisory Council; members of the Principals' Reference Group; School and College Principals; and TASC officials.

May I also acknowledge the work of many people who have supported and educated our students, as well as those who worked in the background to ensure that we have a comprehensive, appropriately taught and assessed curriculum with a range of course options for our young Tasmanians.

However, it is our Vocational Education and Training and our Academic recipients, who are the main focus of our celebration today! And it is pleasing that your family and friends are here to witness the recognition of your achievements. They have supported you and helped you to achieve your outstanding results.

This is the first time since 2019 that these awards have been held here at Government House. I am very pleased that the Awards have returned here.

These Awards celebrate both the academic and vocational education and training accomplishments of Tasmania's highest achieving senior secondary students. This year, 102 students from 20 schools across our State have achieved outstanding tertiary entrance results and many others achieved outstanding vocational education and training outcomes.

As the highest achievers in our State, you embody all that is positive and beneficial about education. You should be proud of your achievements and be aware that you can make a difference to our State in the future.

May I congratulate you all on your personal achievements. I wish you all the best in your future studies, training and careers in the years ahead, whether in academia, industry, government, or other endeavours.

Deputy Official Secretary ...

[David invites the Honourable Roger Jaensch to the lectern]

[The Minister speaks]

[David invites Prof Natalie Brown to the lectern]