

**OFFICE OF TASMANIAN ASSESSMENT, STANDARDS AND
CERTIFICATION (TASC) AWARDS 2024
PRESENTATION CEREMONY
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALLROOM, TUESDAY 28 JANUARY 2025**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED

Please be seated.

Good afternoon. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for the Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification Awards presentation ceremony, which will recognise the outstanding achievements of students enrolled in our secondary schools and colleges in 2024.

May I acknowledge the Muwinina people upon whose land we gather. I acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal Community as ongoing custodians of country. I recognise their enduring culture and deep connection to land, sea, sky, and waters.

Many people have supported and educated our students and have provided guidance and encouragement for their achievements. I acknowledge and thank them all. I also recognise all those who have worked in the background to ensure that we have a comprehensive, appropriately taught, and assessed curriculum with a range of course options.

Today's awards celebration focuses on both our vocational education and training award recipients and our academic award recipients. The booklet contains short notes about each of our students. It also notes the diversity of courses they have undertaken and their future plans. It is pleasing that many schools from all areas of our State are represented.

Students, you have all reached a high level of achievement through dedication and hard work and with the support of your teachers and families, many of whom are here to celebrate your achievements.

Your education has wide-ranging benefits, and not just for you. A more educated society is more productive and innovative and creates better jobs.¹

I congratulate you all for your achievements and wish you well in the years and decades ahead, whether in academia, industry, innovation, public service, or other endeavors.

Official Secretary ...

[David invites the Honourable Jo Palmer to the lectern]

[The Minister speaks]

[David invites Prof Natalie Brown to the lectern]

¹ <https://gpseducation.oecd.org/revieweducationpolicies/#!node=41761&filter=all> accessed 23 Jan 25