

NATIONAL YOUTH SCIENCE FORUM
REMARKS BY
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GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
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Good morning, everyone, and welcome to Government House for this morning tea to recognise students who have been selected to attend the National Youth Science Forum (NSYF) 2026.

May I begin by acknowledging 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.

This year, 13 Tasmanian students have been selected to participate in the Forum, chosen on merit from schools all around our State. Congratulations to those here today on your wonderful achievement.

May I acknowledge Rotary as a partner of the NYSF since its inception. The support provided by Rotary includes grants to help students attend and make the program both successful and accessible. Thanks to the NYSF alumni, who return as Student Staff Leaders, for their generosity in sharing their time and experience and helping make the Forum such an opportunity.

You will all soon be joining some 470 students from across Australia and the community of more than 15,000 alumni of this remarkable program.

Your program will run in January at two campuses: the Australian National University and the University of Queensland. These residential experiences are designed to broaden your understanding of the many study and career options within STEM, and to encourage you to pursue your interests in these fields.

May I once again congratulate you and your families and teachers who have helped you reach this point.

And now, please enjoy the morning tea.

Thank you.