

RECONCILIATION TASMANIA'S YOUTH SPEAK OUT 2025
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Good morning, everyone, and a very warm welcome to these Reconciliation Tasmania 2025 Youth Speak Out presentations.

May I also pay my respects to the Muwinina people and acknowledge today's Tasmanian Aboriginal community as ongoing custodians of Country.

This is the eighth year of Reconciliation Tasmania's Youth Speak Out. This annual initiative provides an opportunity for the speakers to consider, record, and present their views on what reconciliation means to them. The theme for this year is "Bringing Now to Next". The theme encourages everyone to engage in reconciliation constructively in everyday life.¹ With an emphasis on truth-telling, this is an excellent event to hear from our youth about how we can all contribute to reconciliation in Tasmania.²

School students come from all over our State to present here at Government House, then later today for others at Parliament House.

RT's Youth Speak Out encourages our young people to think about ways in which words, video, art or music can better achieve reconciliation outcomes for Tasmania.

To all students participating here today, and to those we shall hear speak, I extend my congratulations. May I also thank your parents and, of course, your teachers.

Now, let us look forward to hearing this 2025 Reconciliation Tasmania Youth Speak Out presentation. Thank you.

¹ <https://rectas.com.au/education/youth-speakout> accessed 4 Nov 25

² <https://rectas.com.au/national-reconciliation-week> accessed 4 Nov 25