

**TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT EDUCATION INTERNATIONAL
2025 INTERNATIONAL STUDENT AMBASSADOR PROGRAM
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
GOVERNMENT HOUSE, TUESDAY 18 NOVEMBER 2025**

Good evening, everyone. I warmly welcome you all to Government House to celebrate our International Student Ambassadors for 2025.

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.

Tonight, we shall acknowledge the contributions of our young international student leaders from China, Vietnam, Sri Lanka, Taiwan, Cambodia, Brazil, Japan, and South Korea.¹

By taking part in the International Student Ambassador program, you have each played a key role in fostering intercultural understanding and making connections with local learners.

As International Student Ambassadors, through the program, you have promoted Tasmania as an inclusive study destination by sharing your own insights and personal experiences.²

You have also developed your own skills through volunteering, leadership, and collaborative learning activities. During the year, you have supported projects including the Fun Run for Youth Mental Health, represented on the photo display in the Ante Drawing Room behind me.

Tonight is also an excellent opportunity for us to acknowledge and celebrate the work of principals, teachers, and students to promote internationalism in our

¹ Briefing supplied by Education International, 21 October 2025

² Briefing supplied by Education International, 21 October 2025

Tasmanian schools³ and to help prepare our students to thrive in a globally connected 21st century.⁴

The photo display highlights how our Tasmanian government schools and students are connecting globally through initiatives such as the AFS Youth Assembly in New York, the Australia-Indonesia BRIDGE program, and the Kinmen Exchange.

May I commend the Department for Education, Children and Young People, and in particular Education International, on your work to strengthen global learning.

Finally, may I also congratulate all 13 student ambassadors studying at Elizabeth, Hobart, Rosny and Launceston Colleges, Taroona and Hobart City High Schools.

Now, it is my pleasure to present ten of you with your Certificates of Appreciation.

Thank you.

David ... *[OS reads names of recipients]*

³ Ibid.

⁴ Ibid.