

**OFFICE OF TASMANIAN ASSESSMENT, STANDARDS AND
CERTIFICATION (TASC) AWARDS 2025
PRESENTATION CEREMONY
REMARKS BY
HER EXCELLENCY THE HONOURABLE BARBARA BAKER AC
GOVERNOR OF TASMANIA
BALLROOM, FRIDAY 30 JANUARY 2026**

VICE-REGAL SALUTE IS PLAYED

Please be seated.

Good afternoon. I warmly welcome you all to Government House for this Award ceremony. I also welcome those attending online. The Awards recognise the outstanding achievements of students enrolled in our secondary schools and colleges in 2025.

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.

Today's Awards celebrate our vocational education and training award recipients and our academic award recipients. The booklet contains short notes about each of our students, the courses they have undertaken and their future plans. May I also acknowledge the many schools from all areas of our State that are represented here today.

Every student here has reached a high level of achievement, the result of dedication and hard work. May I also acknowledge your teachers and families who have supported you through rigorous and comprehensive assessment processes. Some family members and supporters are here with you to celebrate, and I am pleased that, for the first time, the Award ceremony is live-streamed, allowing many more people to join and watch.

As we all know, education has significant and long-lasting benefits, not just for those who participate, but also for our wider society. According to OECD research, a more educated society is more productive and innovative and creates better jobs.¹

May I congratulate each of you on your efforts and achievements. I wish you well in the years ahead, whether in business, industry, innovation, public service, academia or other endeavours.

Official Secretary ...

[David invites the Honourable Jo Palmer to the lectern]

[The Minister speaks]

[David invites Board Member Anne Ripper to the lectern]

¹ <https://gpseducation.oecd.org/revieweducationpolicies/#!node=41761&filter=all> accessed 27 Jan 26