



Types of School

Government or Public Schools

- Children will usually go to the government school closest to where they live.
- Free education from Prep to Year 12 – parents pay for items such as books, uniform and extra-curricular or excursions activities.
- These schools can be:
 - A primary school - Prep to Year 6, generally for children between 5 and 11 years old
 - A Junior secondary school - Years 7 to 10.
 - A Senior Secondary school – Years 11 and 12 to prepare for tertiary study.
 - A P-12 school - combines primary and secondary at the same location.
 - A school that specialises in teaching children with a disability or additional needs.

Non-government Schools

- Sometimes called private schools, independent schools or Catholic schools.
- Not-government funded - not part of the government system and have their own enrolment process and costs.

Language Schools

- English language school - teach students who are learning English as an additional language.
- Community language schools - teach students' heritage languages outside normal school hours. Programs are available to students from Prep to Year 12, depending on the language.
- All Tasmanian Government Schools offer English as an Additional Language (EAL) tuition on-campus. The programs delivered in each school will vary, however all will teach you a range of important skills for improving your English Language level. You will receive English language tuition to suit your level of ability.



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Selective Entry High Schools

There are no fully selective schools in Tasmania. A number of schools offer specialised programs for gifted students, with admission based on academic performance.

Distance Education

- Tasmanian eSchool was implemented in 2010, replacing Distance Education Tasmania and the Open Learning Network. Tasmanian eSchool takes the Blended Learning approach, offering a full education, online K–10 program with campuses in Rocherlea and Derwent Park. Teachers run online lessons and may send materials through the mail.
- More information about eLearning Programs is available by emailing: elearning@education.tas.gov.au

Home Schooling

- Where parents take on responsibility for teaching their child. It's an alternative to children attending a school.
- Find out the requirements for home schooling from the Office of the Education Registrar Tasmanian Government.



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Discussion:

1. You recently migrated to Australia with your family. You would like to enrol your children to school, however you feel that they need to improve their English a bit more before that. What type of school is the most suitable for your children at this stage?

2. There is a public school just down the road where you live. You are also thinking that you would like your children to have a strong faith foundation and you are willing to invest in your child's education. Which school would be the best option?