

Home Group at Hobart College

An essential component of life at College

What is Home Group?

The Home Group program is an integral part of campus life. Every student in Years 11 and 12 is allocated to a Home Group and in the majority of cases, each Home Group is run by one of their subject teachers.

Home Group runs each Wednesday for one and a half hours and is an important part of each student's time at Hobart College.

Home Group builds on the Home Group/pastoral care support that students had at high school. **My Education** is an integral part of the College's Home Group program.

The program ensures that all students are supported in their health, wellbeing and learning at College. It is also the liaison point between every student's home and the College.

It is also a time when Home Group teachers can spend time getting to know students better and an opportunity for students to get to know their peers better.



What happens in Home Group?

All pastoral care, administrative and housekeeping tasks are done through the Home Group program, along with a range of other activities. These include:

- finding out weekly announcements about what's happening on campus
- providing a TASC course (either *You, Your Family and the Community* or *Essential Skills in ICT*) for 5 TCE points
- having extra opportunities within and outside of College: guest speakers, expos, scholarships
- participating in whole campus activities that include Clean Up Australia, Harmony Day Activities, Food Fair, Campus Trivia Quiz, College Lap, Talent Quest, Music Showcase, Health Focus sessions and Careers Taster
- attending school assemblies and celebrations of student achievements and awards, as well as student performances
- watching a special Matinee of the College production
- participating in Enrichment Day where students can opt into extra-curricular activities like yoga, rock climbing, RSA, boat licence, knitting, self-defence, music workshops, butchery skills, volleyball, barista skills, subject-specific tutorials, and essay writing skills
- pathway and career planning and an opportunity to hear from students and teachers about subjects at a 'Round Robin' forum in Term 3
- course counselling assistance for selection of courses during Term 3 for Year 11 students moving into Year 12.



Home Group Options

- **General Home Group**

There are over 50 Home Groups at College and most students will be allocated to a general group, unless they specifically want to join one of the Home Groups outlined below.

- **Student Environment Team (SET)**

This is a self-nominated Home Group. For specific information see separate SET handout available at: <https://hobartcollege.education.tas.edu.au/other-programs/>

- **College House Band**

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- **College High Achievers Home Group**

This is a self-nominated Home Group enrichment program where you will:

- be supported in your academic success in Years 11 and/or 12
- visit the University of Tasmania and attend a series of 'master classes' to give you an idea about what to expect at University
- participate in the regular program of Home Group activities
- work with like-minded students who are wanting to achieve the most from their time at Hobart College
- join study groups, UCAT training, exam preparation, ethical discussions and social events.

