

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

Home Group is a time when teachers can spend time getting to know students better and there is 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.

Home Group activities include:

- weekly announcements about what's happening on campus
- providing a TASC course for 5 TCE points
- information sessions by presenters within and outside College through guest speakers, expos, scholarship information, careers and cyber- safety
- attending school assemblies and celebrations of student achievements and awards, as well as student performances
- participating in whole campus activities such as Clean Up Australia, Harmony Day Activities, Campus Trivia Quiz, College Lap, Talent Quest, Music Showcase and Careers Taster
- participating in a range of optional activities on an opt-in basis including sports and cooking
- 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, knitting, music workshops, butchery skills, volleyball, barista skills, subject-specific tutorials, and essay writing skills
- participating in career and pathway planning including 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
- working on administrative tasks to do with TCE attainment and TASC enrolment for examinations.



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 want to join one of the specialist Home Groups outlined below.

- **College House Band**

This is a self-nominated Home Group for students keen on participating in a stage band repertoire with a funk, jazz and soul focus.

It is open to all musicians of differing abilities in rhythm, brass, woodwind and vocal sections. Students perform at various community events throughout the year, plus a local performance tour after the November external exams.

- **College High Achievers' Home Group**

This is a self-nominated Home Group enrichment program where students work with like-minded people who are wanting to achieve the most from their time at Hobart College.

In addition to participating in the regular Home Group program at College, students are supported in their academic pursuits in Year 11 and/or 12 through study skill sessions in order to learn how to 'study smarter rather than harder'. They can also join study groups, complete UCAT training, work on exam preparation and participate in ethical discussions and social events.

- **High Performance Student-Athlete Home Group**

This is a self-nominated Home Group which supports the student-athlete on campus. It provides pastoral care and assistance through an individualised approach to goal-setting and time management in relation to school work, training and competition commitments.

It is for students who are in high performance sports, for example talent identification programs, Tasmanian Institute of Sport, state teams, and students on USA scholarship pathways.

- **Hobart Mob**

This is a self-nominated Home Group specifically for identifying Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students. It provides a place for the students to explore Tasmanian Aboriginal culture, connect with community and learn on country knowledge, as well as completing the College's Home Group requirements.

It is a space for the student to begin or continue their cultural identity path as First Nations people and create community-based relationships that will carry on after Year 12.

- **STEAM Club Home Group**

This is a self-nominated Home Group for students with a passion for STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts and Mathematics). Based in our Science Department but with support from Technology and the Arts, it is an opportunity for students to access specialist equipment and cross curricular expertise. It is flexible to adapt to students' interests and perfect for students keen on being involved in STEAM projects without sacrificing lunch time or after school tutorials.

- **Steiner Inspired Home Group**

This is a self-nominated Home Group for students who want to explore their own pathways towards an autonomous future. The holistic curriculum of the Steiner Inspired Home Group aims to mentor students in harmonising their own power of judgement, purpose and self-actualisation. Students delve into social responsibility, objectivity, resilience, and compassion through creative, practical and academic methods. There will be opportunities for outdoor education experiences as part of a student's involvement in this Home Group.

- **Student Environment Team (SET)**

This is a self-nominated Home Group for students who are interested in the environment and sustainability, both on campus and in the wider community. Students have the opportunity to participate in the Tasmanian Colleges' Sustainability Network and can represent the College at two Climate Change conferences. They manage the recycling and FOGO programs on campus and work to enact sustained behavioural change of students and staff at the College.