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Hartz School leavers kit

Tasmanian Government

This kit has heaps of info to help with your next stage of life

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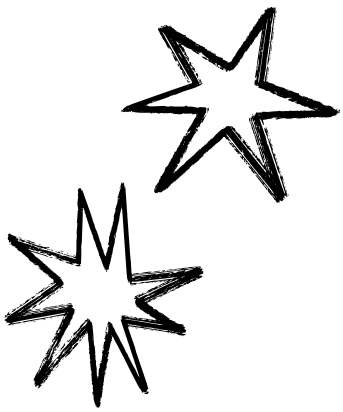


Preparing for the Next Chapter

You've finished school – now what?

This is a time of big change, and it's totally normal to feel unsure. Whether you've got a plan or are still figuring things out, this next chapter is about exploring, learning, and growing. You don't need all the answers right now – just take the first step and keep moving forward.

Finishing school is a huge achievement. Take some time to reflect on your last few years at school. Add any important achievements to your resume.

Tip! Write strong achievements for your resume

No matter what pathway you'd like to take, having a plan and being prepared can help you stay 1 step ahead.

What's Next

Understand Your Pathways

Uni, TAFE, work, apprenticeships, gap years – there are heaps of options out there. The key is to find what suits you best. This section helps you explore different pathways, understand your choices, and make decisions that feel right for you.

Deciding what's right for you:
It's ok if you're not sure about what's next or if something has impacted your original plans. Ask for help from a trusted adult or your school or visit these websites to help you work out a plan.

It is common for us to know what we like to learn about or do, but not necessarily what occupations are related to our interest areas – check out the myfuture bullseyes. They sort occupations by subjects or interest areas, and this is a great starting point for you if you know what subjects you liked in school.
Career bullseyes | myfuture

Careerify can help you consider different pathways and build employability skills.
Careerify – Career choices made simple

At **Your Career** you can search industries, occupations and study options.
Explore Your Career | Your Career

If you are unsure about your interests there are a range of quizzes you can do to help you nut this out. 16Personalities can help you explore who you are, what you like and what kind of work you are suited to.
Free Personality Test | 16Personalities

Further Study

How do I decide what to study and where?

1. Deciding what you want to do:

Make sure you check out the qualifications you are interested in and look at the units that make them up. This will help you decide if the qualification is right for you.

The Good Universities Guide is like a search engine for university degrees and qualifications. You can search by course, location, experiences etc.

2. Deciding on where to study:

If you are unsure about where you want to study find out about:

a. the facilities, student experiences, work experience, exchange opportunities etc for each to help inform your decision.
b. Where you will live
c. How you will fund your study
d. Will you be able to get the support you need?

This can help inform your decision.

3. Applying to Universities

Not all universities or qualifications require an ATAR. There are other ways to get to where you want to go. UTAS also has options to do some further study, such as bridging courses and Associate Degrees at University College if you didn't get an ATAR or apply for a School Recommendation Program.

In Tasmania the University of Tasmania (UTAS) accepts applications directly via there website. https://www.utas.edu.au/study/apply

Going to a Mainland University:

Applying for university in other states needs to be done through the relevant Tertiary admissions Centre (TAC) in each state. You can choose multiple course from several universities all at once. You can also apply for scholarships and special entry schemes through the TAC's portal.

There are study options all over Australia. To find out more about what is available visit:

- The Tertiary Information Service – they work with TAFEs, universities and private tertiary institutions in Victoria to provide useful information and events for students: https://www.tis.org.au/

4. Applying for VET

Want to study and like practical, skills based learning? VET can provide you with the skills you need to prepare for a job.

TasTAFE provide a broad range of courses to choose from. There are a number of fee-free courses available. Check out their website or contact them directly if you have questions.

Visit Skills Tasmania to find courses and providers of VET.

Apprenticeships & Traineeships:

Are you looking to become an apprentice or trainee? here is everything you need to know about apprenticeships and traineeships in Tasmania.

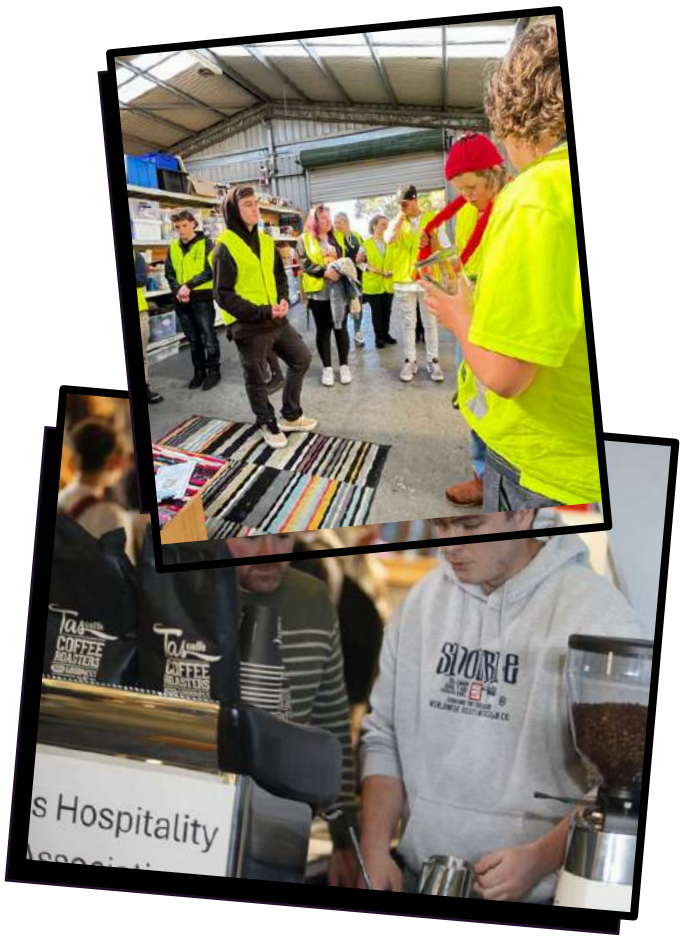
Visit Skills Tasmania - Apprenticeships and Traineeships

Entering the Workforce:

Whether you're looking for casual work while you study or you want to jump into fulltime work, contact Jobs Tasmania. They can connect you with people who can match you to your pathway through Jobs Hubs or the Career Connectors program.

You will also find jobs advertised on the following sites

- Seek
- Mercury Classifieds
- Tas Gov Jobs



Volunteering:

Have you considered volunteering? It's a great way to build valuable skills and connections, and it makes you feel great too.

Volunteering Tasmania: https://volunteeringtas.org.au/for-volunteers/

Taking a Gap Year:

If you are unsure what you want to do with your future, you may consider taking a GAP year to work, learn and grow as a person. Finding something you are passionate about can help you decide what might come next.

Find out more here:

Gap Years - Your Ultimate Guide

Year13 - Create a life you're passionate about

Adulting 101

Welcome to the world of grown-up stuff.

From getting your own Medicare card to sorting out your tax file number, there's a lot to learn as you step into adulthood. This section breaks down the basics so you can feel confident navigating life's practical stuff – without the stress.

Money & Banking:

Find out all about money, budgeting and setting up bank accounts at moneysmart.gov.au

Medicare & Centrelink:

- Set yourself up with a myGov account: https://my.gov.au/ and link to other important services like Medicare and Centrelink.
- Get your own Medicare card
- Centrelink payments for students

Tax File Number (TFN):

You'll need a Tax File Number to get paid so apply for one at the ATO website

Getting a USI

To undertake VET or University study you will need a Unique student Identifier (USI). Get one here: Welcome to USI - Unique Student Identifier

Voting

If you didn't enrol to vote while at school, now is the time to register. You must vote for all elections and referendums once you turn 18. To register to vote visit https://www.aec.gov.au/enrol/ and follow the prompts.

Super

Find out about super and how it works at: Super | Australian Taxation Office

Tidy up your Digital Footprint:

Social media and email are crucial for your career as well as your private life. Set up a personal email account, and consider setting up a LinkedIn account. Also review your personal social media account.

Forward any important information and contacts from your school email account before it closes down.

Get more info here

Need help with Cyber Safety? visit: www.esafety.gov.au/youngpeople

Getting Your License:

Getting your license is an important milestone. Here is useful information to help you get there:

- PlatesPlus
- Learner license test
- Provisional license
- Choosing a safe car
- Keys to Defensive Driving

Gearing Up - If you need support getting your learner driver hours up, have limited access to a car or are experiencing financial hardship and live in the Huon Valley or Kingston area you can contact gearingup@huonvalley.tas.gov.au or gearingup@kingston.org.au and they can help you out at no cost.

Finding a Place to Live:

Considering moving out of home? Think about what kind of housing will work for you and how much you can afford.

- Housing Connect
- Home Base
- Flatmates
- Family Violence Help

Legal Stuff:

People often don't expect to have to seek legal advice but if you do Legal Aid can assist with welfare rights, employment, discrimination and tenant matters - visit Legal Aid Tasmania.

Looking After Your Wellbeing

Your wellbeing matters – now more than ever.

Life after school can be exciting, but also overwhelming. It's important to look after your mental and physical health, ask for help when you need it, and stay connected. This section shares services and tips to help you stay well and supported.

Mental Health Supports

- Headspace
- The Link
- Safe Haven
- Kids Helpline Ph: 1800 551 800
- Lifeline Ph: 13 11 14

Physical Health

- Urgent Care Clinics
- Pulse Youth Health
- Dental Health Services
- HotDoc

Support Services

- Anglicare – Alcohol & Drug Help
- Are you a young carer? check out Care2Serve

Disability Support

Disability Support

A range of services are available to support people with disability. You may be eligible for a local area coordinator to assist you.

- Baptcare Assist
- Mission Australia assist

Social and recreational activities for people with disability

- Artosaurus
- New Horizons Tasmania
- Paraquad Tasmania Home - ParaQuad Tasmania
- YLOT Social Buddies - Social Buddies - Young Leaders of Tasmania

Education and Training for people with Disability

- TasTAFE Disability Support

Disability Advocacy

- ACD Tasmania

Disability employment services

- Epic Assist
- APM Employment
- Possability
- MAX Employment
- Interact Australia
- Maxima

Support for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander School Leavers

There are many programs and support services for Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander school leavers who are setting out on their journey after school.

Find out about support available to you, including:

- support in applying for university
- how to begin a career in the Australian Government
- scholarships and grants you may be eligible for
- support programs in your state or territory.

Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander peoples | Your Career

Career education information to support Aboriginal and Torres Strait Islander students – Careerify

Riawunna Centre for Education | University of Tasmania

You are embarking the journey of the rest of your life. We wish you all the best - go forward one step at a time, try new things and enjoy your wonderful life.

Keeping in Touch

Old Hobartians Association

The Old Hobartians Association exists to provide former students of Hobart high School, Hobart Matriculation College, and Hobart College a forum to meet socially with their peers, celebrate their history, and enjoy each other's company.

New members are always welcome to join in our activities for an annual subscription of $10

Check out the page with the online version of this kit:

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