

SCHOOL ASSOCIATIONS

IN TASMANIAN GOVERNMENT SCHOOLS

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Did you know?

An Association is made up of the parents, staff and community members of a school. An Association exists for each Tasmanian Government School, including primary schools, high schools, district schools and colleges.

The purpose of an Association is to provide members with a way to participate and be involved in supporting the school.

The Association for each school has been established under the [Education Act 2016 \(Tas\)](#).

Why is the Association important?

The Association works with the Principal to achieve shared outcomes for learners and the whole school.

Membership of the Association provides a forum for the sharing of knowledge and skills.

Parent and community engagement in the school is important, as it:

- creates a collaborative culture within the school
- uses existing community strengths to benefit all learners
- creates collaborative teamwork between staff, parents and the community

- role models good citizenship to learners
- inspires and helps learners to succeed
- helps create better understanding between the local community and school
- facilitates a good understanding of the value and benefits of education
- provides adult learning opportunities
- supports opportunities for creative thinking
- creates community support.

Research shows that children do better at school when their parents are involved and engaged in their education.

What are the main functions of the Association?

Associations participate in:

- development of school policies, school improvement plans and the formulation of school objectives, priorities, strategic directions and values
- planning the financial arrangements to support these objectives
- evaluating the school's performance to achieve those objectives, priorities, strategic directions and values
- the selection process of a Principal, where a permanent vacancy exists
- fostering the value and benefits of education
- encouraging co-operation among teachers, students, parents and the school community
- raising funds to benefit the school.



Who are members of the Association?

The following people are automatically members of the School Association:

- all parents (parents or guardians who have children or young people enrolled at the school)
- all staff (permanent and fixed-term employees at the school); including the Principal

Community members need to apply to the School Association Committee to become a member of the School Association.

How can I be involved in the Association?

As a member of the Association you can:

- attend General Meetings of the Association
- nominate for the [Association Committee](#)
- where they exist, you can join a Subcommittee of the Association Committee
- support Association events or fundraising.

How can I get more information?

If you would like further information about Associations, you can contact:

Your school or college, including:

- any current member of your School Association Committee
- the Principal or staff at your school

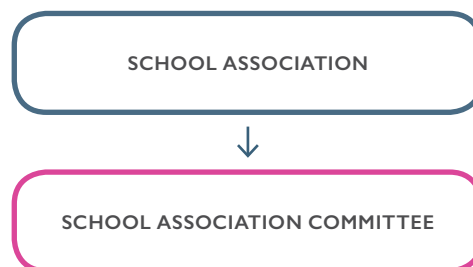
Tasmanian Association of State School Organisations (TASSO):

- email info@tasso.org.au or visit the website www.tasso.org.au

The Department of Education:

- [School Associations](#) website
- phone the Department of Education on 1800 816 057 (Free call)
- email schoolassociations@education.tas.gov.au

School Association Structure



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