

- What do you think are the reasons for finishing Year 12?
- What do you think success looks like during and after the formal years of schooling in Tasmania?
- How can we better encourage young people to aspire to achieve their ambitions?
- What is working well and why?

To Whom It May Concern,

I am writing to express my concerns about the current state of Tasmania's education system. For far too long, Tasmania's education system has been lagging behind other states. I strongly believe that it is essential for Tasmania to learn from the leading states and implement their successful methods, systems, or curriculum. Furthermore, I believe that education would be more effective if it were overseen by the federal government, ensuring more uniform results across the board.

While the transition from three terms to four within the last decade was a positive step, more needs to be done. I propose that school should be considered complete upon reaching year 12, rather than year 10. Additionally, there is a need for the construction or expansion of more high schools to accommodate years 11 and 12. Introducing the concept of Junior High School and Senior High School students, each with their unique uniforms (and more appealing year 12 uniforms), could inspire more students to continue their studies beyond year 10.

Furthermore, I strongly advocate for making English, Math, and Science compulsory for students completing years 11 and 12. This would ensure that Tasmania's students are not at a disadvantage when compared to their counterparts from other states. Completing year 12 opens doors to numerous opportunities, and I believe it is essential for Tasmania to provide its students with the best possible foundation for their future endeavours.

Thank you,

John Celesti

(Parent)