



SENIOR SECONDARY EDUCATION

Tasmanian Education legislation requires that students continue to participate in education and training until they complete Year 12, attain a Certificate III, or turn 18 years of age (*whichever occurs first*). Students may be exempted from this requirement if they have employment for a minimum of 35 hours per week.

The Senior Secondary curriculum at Smithton High School is designed to offer you an excellent opportunity to complete your Year 11 and 12 studies focussing on a broad range of subjects and training here at Southside. The new look campus provides an up-to-date learning environment in modern indoor and outdoor surrounds where you are given the best chance of success in your chosen subjects.

The adjoining Circular Head Trade Training Centre offers state of the art training facilities for Vocational Education and Training (VET), including the student kitchen/café, '*Rustic Duck on Montagu*'. Smithton High School partners with TasTAFE and other RTO's as needed to provide accreditation in a range of qualifications and skill sets.



You may consider an Australian School-based Apprenticeship (ASbA) as part of your studies. An ASbA provides an opportunity for you to get a head-start in the career of your choice or to gain a qualification whilst undertaking meaningful work in conjunction with your school study program.



Virtual Learning Tasmania (VLT) offers an alternative study option in conjunction with your classes at Southside, particularly offering a range of pre-tertiary subjects.

You are also able to move on to Hellyer College or other senior secondary colleges in the state for either Year 11, 12 or both depending on your chosen pathway. You may choose to consider a shared enrolment with Hellyer College or a school in the Hellyer Regional Collective to study a VET program. Staff at Southside can assist you to take up these options.

Whichever option you choose, Smithton High School strongly encourages you to complete Year 12. To be classified as a full time student and eligible for Youth Allowance you must select a program of at least 600 hours which can be made up of traditional subjects or a combination of subjects with a VET course or ASbA.

All students who complete Year 12 will gain the TASC Qualifications Certificate. The Qualifications Certificate issued by the Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards & Certification (TASC) shows all qualifications with awards (PA and higher) in TASC accredited senior secondary courses, qualifications (*and awards if applicable*) in TASC recognised courses, and Vocational Education and Training (VET) qualifications and units of competency you have achieved. It can be updated across your lifetime to include higher level VET qualifications such as Diplomas as well as University issued qualifications. The Qualifications Certificate may be used as a formal record of your post-compulsory life-long education and training.