

Packages of Learning

SCHOOLS



Why is it important?

The Department of Education for Children and Young People and Tasmanian cross-sectoral stakeholders are committed to steadily increasing the number of young people who complete Year 12. Packages of Learning provide an engaging and relevant curriculum that creates pathways for the diverse range of future study and employment options for Tasmania's young people.

What is a Package of Learning?

Packages of Learning are a different approach to teaching and, for students, a different way to learn. They offer students and teachers a suite of curriculum resources which adopt an integrated approach to the core subjects of the Australian Curriculum (i.e. English, Maths, Science, History or Geography), as well as Technologies and Work Studies. Health and Physical Education, along with elective subjects, are taught outside the Packages of Learning.

Each Package of Learning is aligned to one of the five industry growth areas in Tasmania. There are 5 Packages of Learning which are delivered in Tasmanian schools:

- Advanced Manufacturing
- Agriculture, Food and Natural Resources
- Architecture and Construction
- Health and Community Services
- Hospitality and Tourism.

Packages of Learning are delivered to Years 9 and 10 students. As part of a student's learning, they are encouraged to 'solve' real world problems facing industry, learn practical skills and participate in a varied range of learning opportunities.

By participating in a Package of Learning, students have access to a range of vocational learning opportunities and gain insights into career pathways by understanding industry trends and future opportunities.

The 2019 pilot was evaluated by the Peter Underwood Centre, which found that the Packages of Learning elicited strong student behavioural, cognitive and emotional engagement. Further opportunities to deliver Packages of Learning have since been taken up in other Department of Education and Tasmanian Catholic schools in Tasmania.

How is industry engaged?

The establishment of Industry Specific Advisory Groups has allowed industry stakeholders to guide and support the work of the Packages of Learning. It has shown that industry is keen to work with schools to provide opportunities where they can participate in the classroom and students can go out into industry contexts to learn.

To successfully foster partnerships between schools and local businesses, schools are selected where industry growth exists in their regions. In addition, the Beacon Foundation will assist businesses to partner with schools.

Where are the schools delivering Packages of Learning in 2023?



How are the Packages of Learning going to work?

Sixty per cent of a student's time is committed to a Package of Learning and the remaining forty per cent is devoted to Health and Physical Education and optional subjects. Flexibility in how each school designs their timetable is managed by the school, as are the number of students who undertake a Package of Learning.

Packages of Learning are available for delivery to Department of Education for Children and Young People, Catholic and Independent schools in Tasmania.

Who are the students being taught in a Package of Learning?

Packages of Learning are suitable for students with a range of academic abilities. They aim to keep students engaged in all areas of learning and allow them to explore possible vocational learning and career pathway options. Students are able to opt out of a Package of Learning after one year or continue into a second year. Students can undertake a Package of Learning in Year 10, even if they have not done one in Year 9. Alternatively, a student could opt into a different Package of Learning in year 10, if available at the school.

What will Packages of Learning lead to?

As students continue to engage with the Packages of Learning, they will explore a range of career opportunities and reflect on their vocational learning. Students will be able to make informed decisions about their pathways into further education, training and employment. Packages of Learning may provide pathways to employment opportunities linked to industries in the school's regional area or further study in Years 11 and 12.

How do I find out more information?

For more information, contact Years 9 - 12 Learning. Please email - years9-12learning@decyp.tas.gov.au

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