YOU, YOUR FAMILY & THE COMMUNITY
Guide to the New TASC Course

You, Your Family and the Community is designed to enhance students' life skills by developing their understanding of some social issues relating to the world in which they live. The course focuses on basic issues relating to themselves and their family within a community. Learners will develop awareness of their community as well as the role they, as individuals, and their families play in it.

WHAT IS SIMILAR?

Students will continue to:

- learn about themselves, their families and the community but focusing on the following units:
    - family
    - community
    - housing
    - media
    - environment
- take an issues-based approach to each unit
- focus on how specific issues can affect the individual's personal development and relationships with their families and the broader community
- engage with the local community in a practical way
- develop skills in oral and written responses to issues, producing original and authentic texts
- learn each unit discretely or from an integrated point of view whereby several units are addressed concurrently.

WHAT IS DIFFERENT?

- There are two new units:
    - social groups (compulsory)
    - positive approaches to health (optional)
- The course structure has changed

- Section A is made up of three compulsory units (35 hours):
    - family
    - community
    - social groups.
- Section B is made up of four elective units, of which one must be chose:
    - positive approaches to health
    - housing
    - media
    - environment.
- There is a new Work Requirement which involves students doing one issue from both Sections A and B.
- There are new criteria for the course
- In line with other new Level 1 courses, there are now only satisfactory achievement and preliminary achievement awards.

HOW DOES THE COURSE CATER FOR ALL STUDENTS?

- This course complements other 50 hour Level 1 courses.
- The course is inclusive of the learning needs of all students.

WHAT SUPPORT IS PROVIDED?

- A course supplement designed to support teachers new to or returning to teaching this course
- Professional Learning to support course implementation
- Advice on programming (scope and sequence documentation).