

# Supporting Tasmanian year 12 students



Recognising this is an unprecedented year for our students, the Government, with the University of Tasmania, has announced a new Schools Recommendation Program.

This new initiative will enable year 12 students to apply for most undergraduate courses at the University of Tasmania, and be made an offer much earlier in the year - based on the recommendation of their school and teachers, who are best able to assess their readiness for university.

While it still requires students to complete their Year 12 studies and does not replace other mechanisms such as the ATAR, it does offer an alternative pathway and provides students with more certainty.

Student assessments will need to be different this year, and that is the work we are doing right now. We recognise the challenges students this year are facing and it is important that we respond in a flexible way to ensure students aren't disadvantaged - whilst not compromising the integrity of senior secondary certificates.

Equity in assessment will be maintained while also providing schools with the flexibility to accommodate their unique circumstances.

Students will be able to achieve a Senior Secondary Certificate of Education this year and certification will facilitate access to university, further education, and employment.

Our clear message to students is that they will not have to repeat year 12 as a result of Coronavirus