



Chairs announced

On 6 March 2008, the Minister for Education and Skills announced the three chairs of the new organisations being established under *Tasmania Tomorrow*.

Former University of Tasmania Chancellor Mike Vertigan AC will chair the Tasmanian Polytechnic.

Kim Boyer will chair the Tasmanian Academy. Kim is the former Deputy Chancellor and Acting Chancellor of the University of Tasmania.

The current chair of TAFE Tasmania's board Dr James Cretan will step down from that role to chair Training Tasmania.

The chairs will play a key role in working with transition teams in shaping the new organisations.

Read more about the recently appointed chairs in the Minister's [media release](#).

Further announcements on progress and implementation will be made in the near future.

Polytechnic education conference

A conference on 'polytechnic education' will be held on **8-9 May 2008** in **Hobart**. The purpose of this conference is to explore the new and exciting concept of 'polytechnic education.' It also creates an opportunity to bring the two cultures of colleges and TAFE Tasmania together and for staff to work together to unpack what teaching and learning in the Tasmanian Polytechnic will be like.

Keep a look out for more details in future newsletters on the conference program including key note speakers and workshops.

Training Tasmania

We've been asked quite a few questions specifically about the training enterprise and how it will work. You will find a discussion paper on the educational aspects of the training enterprise in the web link on this newsletter, but here are a few ideas that may be of interest:

- The purpose of the training enterprise will be to meet the training and education needs of Tasmanian employers and their employees.
- Its aim is to make training even more attractive to business and encourage them to invest more, as well as government, in developing their staff and improving their productivity.
- It will aim to shift the balance in funding so that business invests a greater proportion, while at the same time maintaining the government contribution.
- It will include full-time apprentices and trainees as well as accredited skill sets and other customised training programs, and a broad range of intermediary services to support the training needs of businesses.
- Training Tasmania will function as a business so that it reflects the clients it will be working with – this means it will provide training where, when and how businesses require it.
- It may use training facilities and classrooms where required, and will also provide a range of flexible learning and assessment options, including workplace-based and electronic formats.

By having trainers who are highly skilled both from an industry and a training perspective, combined with access to a broad range of facilities and resources, Training Tasmania will have the capability to become the premium source of quality, relevant training, providing Tasmanian employers with the skills their businesses need as well as an appropriate return on investment and boosted productivity.

Discussion Papers

[Discussion papers](#) on the educational models for each of the new organisations formed by the *Tasmania Tomorrow* initiative have been developed. They are based on the reports presented to the Steering Committee by each of the Educational Programs Working Groups.

The discussion papers have been prepared to explain and explore these potential approaches, and to generate and stimulate conversations and exchanges on concepts and issues they present.

The intention is that within each of the existing organisations – senior secondary colleges and TAFE Tasmania – a range of formal and informal opportunities will be available for groups of staff to consider and discuss the papers, and provide feedback to the project on issues raised, observations made, and questions requiring responses. Senior management from each of the colleges and TAFE will organise these processes, and the project team is available to assist with facilitation and briefing sessions.

Individuals can also respond to the discussion papers by emailing tomorrow@education.tas.gov.au or telephoning 1800 469 997.

It's your future – it's your choice

Key messages from the upcoming student information guide

The student information guide being developed for current Year 10 students will provide the kind of information that will help students and their parents to start thinking about choices for next year. The guide will focus on the theme, '*It's your future – it's your choice.*'

The types of things that the guide will cover for students are:

- the options from 2009: Tasmanian Academy, Tasmanian Polytechnic, Training Tasmania and senior secondary colleges in some regions
- options for pursuing a career that starts with a university degree
- options for obtaining the qualification and skills to get a job in the industry of choice
- foundation and bridging subjects to support students to succeed in their chosen pathway
- extra curricular activities including music, drama, sports and campus social events at both the Tasmanian Academy and Tasmanian Polytechnic
- the TCE can be achieved at both the Tasmanian Academy and Tasmanian Polytechnic
- increased options for students in rural and remote areas through partnerships with local district high schools
- a wide variety of nationally recognised vocational qualifications from certificate to diploma level available at the Tasmanian Polytechnic
- the Tasmanian Academy will offer foundation and general TCE/TQA courses along with VET options from the Tasmanian Polytechnic
- campus locations of the new organisations from 2009
- which senior secondary colleges will stay the same
- options for those who wish to gain an apprenticeship or traineeship
- encouraging students to talk to their pathway planning officer and teachers about what they might like to do in the future before making decisions about 2009

The information guide is expected to be disseminated to Year 10 students in late March 2008. More detailed guide to courses for each of the organisations will be available in June 2008.

Tasmania Tomorrow Support Services

How will the new organisations be supported with common services and systems?

- A single unit, the as yet unnamed Tasmania Tomorrow Support Services (TTSS) will coordinate services for both students and staff of the new organisations of the Tasmania Tomorrow initiative.
- This will include enrolment and support services for students, and for staff, HR, finance, ICT, and facilities services.
- TTSS will ensure that students do not have to deal with multiple enrolment systems and that their wide range of support services are coordinated to support their learning whether they are in one or across two (or even three) learning organisations.
- TTSS will also provide a single point of contact for external bodies on a wide range of corporate issues. For staff, and particularly those working across the new organisations, TTSS will provide a single administrative point for a range of administrative and personnel issues.
- TTSS will ensure that the three organisations are well supported with good systems and services. Maintaining a single service unit will ensure that service provision is not duplicated. This will mean that the positive savings achieved by reducing from five TAFE institutes into a single TAFE Tasmania are maintained as we move from one TAFE Tasmania and eight Senior Secondary Colleges down to just three, statewide, organisations.
- TTSS will be headed up by a general manager, reporting to a board comprised of representatives of the three Tasmania Tomorrow providers.

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