

School Programmes at Parliament House during COVID-19

Is the Parliament of Tasmania currently open to school groups?

The House of Assembly Education Office has suspended school programmes at Parliament House until further notice. Whilst we are saddened to not be able to offer these visitor experiences at this time, the health and safety of all Tasmanians is our highest priority.

During COVID-19, how can students still learn about the Parliament of Tasmania?

There are two ways schools can continue to access the Parliament of Tasmania:

1. *Participate in an online lesson with the House of Assembly Education Office*

The House of Assembly Education Office has created an online lesson that aims to link Australian Curriculum outcomes with the work of the Parliament of Tasmania. The lesson focuses on the three levels of government, the main functions of the Parliament of Tasmania and the law-making process for Tasmania.

Each lesson is approximately 60 minutes. Live online lessons with the Education Office are open Tuesday to Thursday.

There is no cost to schools but bookings are essential.

2. *Observe Parliament in action via the Parliament's webcast*

Schools have the option of viewing the Parliament of Tasmania at work via the Parliament's broadcast service. Schools can watch live or archived sittings from the House of Assembly and the Legislative Council.

The House of Assembly Education Office understands that while viewing Parliament online does not replicate the authenticity of seeing debate 'first hand', teachers may find this viewing option a useful teaching tool to minimise disruptions to their Civics and Citizenship programmes.

Need more information?

Please contact the House of Assembly Education Office for further information or to book an online lesson for your students.

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