

Published: August 2020  
Dover District School  
6940 Huon Highway  
DOVER TAS 7117  
(03) 6298 1312

DEPARTMENT OF  
EDUCATION  
*learners first*

# Year 11 & 12

DOVER DISTRICT SCHOOL — 2021



Dover District School  
Year 11/12 extension  
opening in early 2021

Dover District School  
Department of Education



## WELCOME



The Huon estuary region is continuing to expand in both population and industry. In its midst, Dover is a thriving township; an idyllic location attracting a diverse community drawn from mainland families seeking a change of pace, through to our long-established grass-roots residents.

The increasing population is now impacting significantly on participation rates at Dover District School. In 2020 our school has continued to grow in new enrolments, student attainment, and educational outcomes that reflect our community needs and expectations; a testimony to our focus on delivering highly personalised learning programs that inspire and engage our students.

Recognising this emerging trend and wide community support, in 2020 Dover District School invested in our regional future by extending the curriculum to include Years 11 and 12. Having successfully introduced our new Senior School program, we now offer continuing students entry to high-quality Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) courses and Vocational Education Training (VET) programs that are locally based in our community.

We also ensure that our students have full access to work-entry level and pre-tertiary subjects in preparation for a University pathway by providing a base for shared-enrolments with our partner-schools in education. These links include the Huon Valley Trade Training Centre, Huonville High School – Advanced Learning Centre, Hobart College, TAFE Tasmania and flexible delivery of on-line courses using Virtual Learning Technology.

Assisting this expansion, the State Government has allocated \$1.1 million to build a dedicated Year 11/12 educational centre at Dover District School. Architectural design for this building is now complete, and a building contract recently negotiated. It is anticipated that this facility, which will provide greatly improved access to Senior Secondary courses, will open in early 2021.

The result will be flexible and personalised learning pathways that locally support our students through to the end of their schooling. Providing for individual educational needs can now happen with our learners remaining in the Huon community. Years 11 and 12 continuing at Dover District School: our vision, our future.

**Thomas Eastland**

**Principal - Dover District School**

### **Will there be special rules?**

The Year 11/12 facility is detached from the main school, permitting a greater degree of independence for our Senior Secondary students. In recognition of their transition to young adulthood during the final two years of education, students will take increasingly greater responsibility for their participation as the academic year unfolds. Aspects of student life such as a code of conduct, dress code, punctuality, preparation and subject completion, will therefore be developed in consultation with students and the school community.

### **What will be the attendance requirements?**

It is anticipated that students will attend either at the Dover District School Year 11/12 facility or at a partner school depending on the scope and flexibility built into their timetable. Students are expected to take full responsibility for informing staff if they are going to be late or absent for a period of time. In the event of an unexplained absence, a text message will be sent to notify parents.

### **Can a student study at a College, or a Trade Training Centre or another Extension School while also attending Dover District School Year 11/12?**

Yes. This is called a shared enrolment and is an arrangement supported by the Department of Education. Our staff work with students to ensure that their timetable works across all partner school sites.

### **Will there be a formal Year 11/12 dinner?**

Yes, pending any COVID-19 restrictions. This has become an anticipated part of our school culture where the success and commitment of students can be celebrated at an end of year dinner.

### **Is Information Technology available?**

Our new facility is supported by full on-line access and students will be allocated their own laptop computer to use while studying Years 11 and 12 at Dover District School.

### **What is the Year 11/12 dress code?**

With many students studying at multiple educational locations, the formal Dover District School uniform remains an optional dress choice. Students may also need to satisfy a range of alternate individual dress requirements depending on their choice of subject. This will apply particularly in VET courses where Workplace Health and Safety regulations stipulate specific uniform requirements. Otherwise, the expectation is that our students be attired in neat casual dress and footwear.



## QUESTIONS?

### How does a student enrol?

Dover District School staff will work with Year 10 students during Term 3 and 4, 2020 to assist them with course selection and enrolment in preparation for Year 11 commencement in 2021.

We will also contact other students already studying in Year 11, who may wish to consider the advantages of being locally based at Dover, either part-time or fulltime in order to complete Year 12 studies in 2021.

Students, parents and carers are most welcome to meet with our staff to discuss course options and ask questions about participating in the Dover District School Year 11/12 extension program.

General enquiries can be directed to Dover District School on 62981312 or otherwise by contacting the Year 11/12 Coordinator, Andrew Butler directly on 0419 138 036.

### Will students have free time during their study?

A full-time commitment involves 600 hours of study over a year and this will be the usual expectation for students participating in the Year 11/12 program during 2021.

As many students will take advantage of the opportunity for shared enrolments with one or more partner schools, we aim to operate a highly flexible timetable to cater for individual student needs and time commitments.

In addition to scheduled classes in our Year 11/12 program, a teacher will also be available to help students completing course work originating from a partner school.

Similarly, assistance can be provided to students with assignments, homework and additional tuition. This means that students will always have support on hand through the week, to help with their personalised study program.

## WHAT IS THE TCE?

The Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) is a qualification with five standards:

- Attainment of everyday adult reading, writing and communication (Literacy skills)
- Attainment of everyday adult Maths (Numeracy skills)
- Attainment of everyday adult use of computers and the internet (ICT skills)
- Completion of an academic program totaling 600 hours of full-time study (participation and achievement)
- Development and review of a plan for the future.

Students must meet all five standards to achieve a Tasmanian Certificate of Education.

The standards for Literacy, Numeracy and ICT can be met through the successful study of many TCE subjects or by sitting tests at an approved testing centre.

Students receive participation and achievement points for each Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE) subject or Vocational Education Training (VET) course studied during Years 11 and 12.

In order to qualify for the TCE, students require a total of 120 points with at least 80 points achieved at TASC Level 2 or higher.

## STUDENT OUTCOMES

All students should be seeking to achieve their

- Tasmanian Certificate of Education (TCE).

In addition, students should aim to achieve an

- Australian Tertiary Admission Rank (ATAR) and/or
- Certificate II qualification in a Vocational Education Training (VET) program or
- Continuation in another approved training program or pathway.

## 2021 TERM CALENDAR

**Term 1** 3 February – 9 April

**Break** 10 April – 25 April

**Term 2** 26 April – 2 July

**Break** 3 July – 19 July

**Term 3** 20 July – 24 September

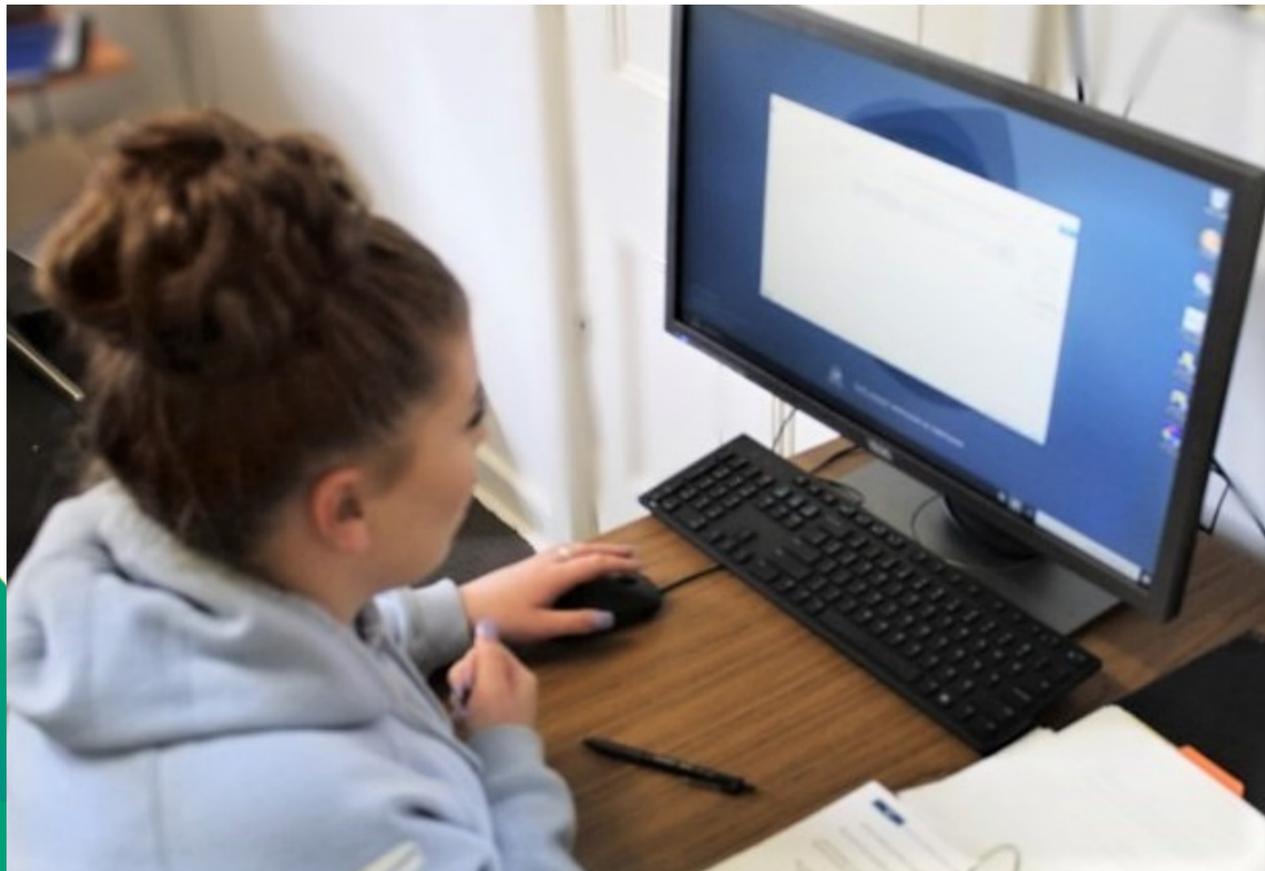
**Break** 25 September – 10 October

**Term 4** 11 October – 20 November

(Please note: Term 4 may conclude as late as 16 December 2021 to provide flexible time-tabling that suits individual learner needs.)

*“Our aim is to create highly personalised and motivating teaching and learning experiences for our students that will facilitate their transition into meaningful Senior Secondary pathways.*

*We will provide flexible engagement in relevant and inspiring curriculum, support retention in and completion of purposeful courses and celebrate achievement of student success through valued accreditation and recognised certification.”*



## OUR COURSES IN 2021

Dover District School is excited to offer an expanded range of subjects at our new Year 11/12 facility.

### Art

Visual Art 2

### English

English Applied 2  
Essential Skills – Reading and Writing 2  
English 3

### Mathematics

Workplace Maths 2  
Essential Skills – Maths 2  
General Mathematics 3

### Information Technology

Essential Skills – Computers and the Internet 2  
Computer Applications 2

### Mixed Field

Career and Life Planning 2  
Learning by Internship 2  
Basic Road Safety 1  
Road Safety Education 2  
Financial Literacy 1

### Vocational Training

Certificate II Business  
Certificate II Skills for Work & Vocational Pathways

Further VET programs are available through a shared enrolment in Year 11/12 at Huonville High School and the Huon Valley Trade Training Centre:

Certificate II Agriculture  
Certificate II Aquaculture  
Certificate II Automotive  
Certificate II Construction  
Certificate II Kitchen Operations  
Certificate II Engineering Pathways  
Certificate II Maritime Operations  
Certificate III Community Services

Other subject options available through a shared

enrolment with our partner schools can include:

### English

English Foundations 2  
English Writing 3  
Introduction to Sociology and Psychology 2  
Psychology 3

### The Arts

Art Practice 2

### Health and Physical Recreation

Health Studies 3  
Personal Health and Wellbeing 2

### Humanities:

Business Studies Foundation 2  
Business Studies 3  
Economics 3  
Exploring Issues in Society 2  
History and the Environment 2  
Legal Studies Foundation 2  
Tasmanian Aboriginal Studies 2

### Languages

German Foundation 2

### Mathematics

General Mathematics Foundation 2  
Mathematics Methods Foundation 3

### Science and Primary Industries

Life Sciences 2  
Environmental Science 3

### Technologies: Food & Hospitality

Food and Nutrition 3

### Mixed Field Programs

Project Implementation 2  
Certificate II Community Services  
Certificate II Tourism



### New 11/12 Learning Centre

Following the decision of the State Government to invest in the future of Dover District School through a \$1.2 million grant, planning is now well under way for the construction of a new purpose-built Year 11/12 building.

This development will feature a large multi-purpose learning space (overlaid in the above picture) that will offer students studying in Year 11/12 a state-of-the-art learning facility.

The centre will be attached to the existing school hall and integrate upgraded facilities to form a conjoined entrance foyer. With its asymmetrical design, but constructed in brick that reflects the existing façade, the new building's feature windows will capture a spectacular panorama of the Port Esperance seascape.

Provision has also been made for the possible future addition of a community library wing to further enhance both student and adult learning opportunities.