

**STUDENT SURVEY
ACT 2008**

(Brought in by Collegiate and Fahan)

An Act for a survey of Tasmanian youth to provide a report on the views of young people.

Be it considered by His Excellency the Governor of Tasmania, by and with the advice and consent of the Youth Parliament of Tasmania, in Parliament assembled, as follows:

Short Title

1. This Act may be cited as the *Student Survey Act 2008*.

Commencement

2. This Act commences on the day it receives Royal Assent.

Interpretation

3. In this Act:
 “*School*” means any Tasmanian school, public or private, which caters for students in years 9 to 12.

Student Survey Committee

4. A committee will be established to research topical and particular issues relating to Tasmanian youth. Members will be appointed by the Tasmanian Government according to Schedule Two.

Contents of Student Survey

5. The Student Survey Committee will draft a survey comprising ten questions relating to the areas of Environment, Government, Education, Transport and Health, and with twenty questions pertaining to Community issues. There will also be a space for optional comments relating to other issues.

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Distribution

6. The survey will be distributed to all Tasmanian students in years 7 to 12 through their schools. The survey is compulsory for all students.

Frequency

7. The survey will be conducted annually.

Publication

8. The results of the survey will be published in all major newspapers, local, community and national in the first week of January. It will also be available in book form in all state libraries, online at the State Government website and will be distributed to all schools. The results will be tabled in parliament by a member for consideration in the house.

**SCHEDULE 1 – OBJECTIVES AND PURPOSES OF THE STUDENT SURVEY
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- a) To accurately portray the opinions of Tasmanian students; and
- b) To further instil the principles of democracy.

SCHEDULE 2 – COMPOSITION OF STUDENT SURVEY COMMITTEE

The Student Survey Committee shall be comprised of the following members:

- a) One youth and one general member of each political party represented in the House of Assembly;
- b) One community youth social worker;
- c) One representative from the Aboriginal/Torres Strait Island community; and
- d) Two vice-principals, one from a public school, one from a private school and each from different socio-economic areas.