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Dear Student and Family

## Re: Department of Education Intake Area Review 2018

The Department of Education (DoE) is seeking your views as part of a review of government school intake areas, as required under the *Education Act 2016*.

Intake areas are geographical enrolment areas which apply to each government primary school and combined (district) school. They are also sometimes referred to as 'home areas' or 'school zones'.

To start the initial stage of the community consultation process, DoE has developed suggested intake areas for each government primary and combined (district) school. We are seeking feedback on the maps from student families and the community.

Parents will still be able to apply to their school of choice, if capacity allows.

### Why intake areas are important

Intake areas ensure that every child in Tasmania is able to access a local Tasmanian government school – which is important for increased participation and engagement in education.

Intake areas are essential for schools to be able to plan for expected student enrolments and make sure they have the facilities and staff they need to best support their students' learning. Enrolment of a child at their intake area school helps them experience and become a part of a strong, diverse and supportive local community close to home.

### The Intake Area Review will not affect the enrolment of current students or their siblings

It is important to note that:

- Any changes to intake areas will not take effect until 2021 and will only apply to new enrolments in Tasmanian primary and combined (district) schools.
- Any changes will not affect students who are already enrolled in a school before 2021, or change which high school students are entitled to attend.
- If a child has a sibling already attending a school outside their intake area, then the child can enrol at the same school as their sibling.

- The review will not change the way schools enrol students who live outside their intake area. Parents may still seek to enrol their child at a school outside their intake area, depending on capacity, in accordance with the *Secretary's Instruction on Enrolment from Outside Intake Area*.

While the review will not affect your family, you have valuable information about your school and the community in which you live which will help us finalise intake areas.

You can share your views on this issue by completing a survey at:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/intakeareareviewpublic>

The closing date for the survey is **26 October 2018**.

You can also send a written submission by email to [intake.areas@education.tas.gov.au](mailto:intake.areas@education.tas.gov.au) or by post to:

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### What happens next?

Your feedback will help us to amend the maps used for the first consultation phase, before we release them again to the Tasmanian community for final feedback.

### Where to find further information?

Further information about the Intake Area Review, including all the maps for consultation, can be found on the Department of Education website at: <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/about-us/school-directory/school-intake-area-maps/>

Your school will also be able to provide you with any additional information you may need.

I look forward to receiving any feedback you wish to provide.

Yours sincerely



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