

ONLINE LEARNING AND ACCESS TO DEVICES

DURING THE COVID-19 OUTBREAK

## Device access programs in Tasmania

Online learning encouraged.
No device loan scheme in place.

## Public schools

Public schools are open during Term 2 for children who cannot be supervised and supported to learn at home.[[1]](#footnote-1) The Tasmanian government has stated that every reasonable effort will be made to provide material to the students where appropriate.[[2]](#footnote-2)

The Tasmania Department of Education is working with the No Interest Loans Scheme (NILS) Network of Tasmania to provide interest-free loans to parents needing to purchase devices for students.[[3]](#footnote-3) Any parent receiving Centrelink benefit can apply for a loan.

## Private schools

Like with public schools, non-government schools are to remain open for children who are unable to learn from home. No clear recommendations for the provision of devices to students without access.

## Where to find out more

### TAS Department of Education website

<https://www.education.tas.gov.au/parents-carers/novel-coronavirus-covid-19/>

1. <https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/Term-2-Arrangements-Fact-Sheet-Coronavirus-COVID-19.pdf> [↑](#footnote-ref-1)
2. [https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/FAQ-for-Parents-Coronavirus-(COVID-19).pdf](https://publicdocumentcentre.education.tas.gov.au/Documents/FAQ-for-Parents-Coronavirus-%28COVID-19%29.pdf) [↑](#footnote-ref-2)
3. <https://www.education.tas.gov.au/2020/03/nils-tasmania-helping-parents-with-school-costs/> [↑](#footnote-ref-3)