

# TASMANIAN CATHOLIC SCHOOLS PARENTS COUNCIL



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TSPA—Grants  
2023



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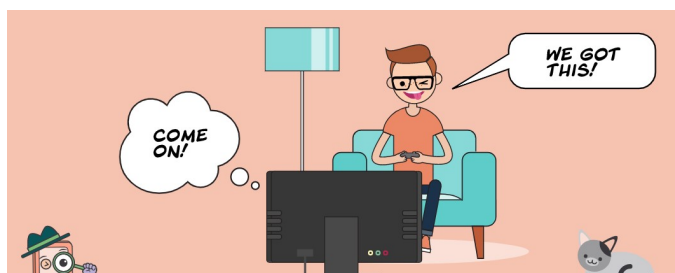


Catholic School Parents  
AUSTRALIA  
10 Years of  
CSPA

## Tasmanian Catholic Schools Parents and Friends Grants 2023

TCSPC Grants Program has continued in 2023, and to date 15 Schools/Colleges have taken advantage of the grant program, offering both student and parent presentations from subject matter experts on topics including Vaping, Internet Safety, Dealing with Anxiety, and Resilience. Feedback from Principals, the Presenters and Parents has been very positive. If you would like further information on the Grant Program, please feel free to contact the TCSPC ([don.ryan@aohtas.org.au](mailto:don.ryan@aohtas.org.au)).

## eSafety Commissioner



### Getting the most out of gaming

This 45-minute webinar provides families with strategies for supporting children and young people to have safe, positive experiences when playing games online. It is designed for parents and carers of children aged 7 to 14.

It will cover:

- when gaming can be beneficial and strategies to promote better in-game experiences
- how to keep children safe online – using safety and privacy settings in games and platforms
- strategies to promote more balanced gaming and how to create smoother transitions from game-play to other activities
- the key online risks and where to find help for things like bullying and harassment in games.

<https://www.esafety.gov.au/kids/i-want-help-with/get-the-most-out-of-gaming>

**19 October: 12:30 pm to 1:15 pm (AEDT)**

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### 10 Years of CSPA Celebrated in Sydney

Recently TCSPC President Charlotte Geeves, Vice President Sandra Hallsworth and Exec Officer Don Ryan attended the CSPA 10 Year anniversary event, which coincided with the normal CSPA quarterly meeting. The TCSPC is a founding member of CSPA.



## Term Dates 2023

### Term 4 16 October 2023 - 14 December 2023

#### 2024—Check with your School

Term dates are set by Catholic Education Tasmania. They do not reflect any student free days or regional holidays that may apply to individual schools. Please refer to your school or college administration for applicable term dates in your region.

Term One Resume (Teaching Staff): 1 February 2024

Term One Resume (Students): 7 February 2024

Easter (Good Friday): 29 March 2024

Easter (Easter Monday): 1 April 2024

Easter (Easter Tuesday): 2 April 2024

Easter (Return to School): 3 April 2024

Term One Concludes (Students): 11 April 2024

Term One Concludes (Teaching Staff) 12 April 2024

Term One Student Non-Attendance Time: 15 April 2024 – 26 April 2024

Term Two (Staff and Students Resume): 29 April 2024

Term Two Concludes: 5 July 2024

Term Two Student Non-Attendance Time: 8 July 2024 – 22 July 2024

Term Three Resume (Teaching Staff): 22 July 2024

Term Three Resume (Students): 23 July 2024

Term Three Concludes 27 September 2024

Term Three Student Non-Attendance Time: 30 September 2024 – 14 October 2024

Term Four Resume (Teaching Staff): 14 October 2024

Term Four Resume (Students): 15 October

Term Four Concludes (Students and Teaching Staff): 18 December 2024

## School Holiday Ideas for the Family

**Paper Puppet  
Making Workshop  
with Terrapin at  
Moonah Arts** <https://events.humanitix.com/terrapi-theater-paper-puppets/tickets>

Tue 3 Oct 2023 11:00 am  
Moonah Arts Centre (MAC)



The Paper Escaper

This beautiful and bright puppetry work from Terrapin tells a story of determination, friendship and the power of following your own path.

Benny, the plucky puppet protagonist in *The Paper Escaper* knows they are destined for greater things than a simple pop-up book. But in a world that's trying to squash Benny between its pages – from wily dancing fire to a disillusioned illustrator – they will need the help of new friends to achieve their dreams.



Royal Tasmanian Botanical Gardens

As the weather gets a bit warmer visit the gardens.

1 October to 31 March – 8:00am to 6:30pm

Take the Hop on Hop off bus and explore Hobart City from the double decker (\$105 2 adults & 2 children)



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Terrapin visited over 100 Tasmanian primary schools with *The Paper Escaper* in 2022, bringing its immersive world and vibrant characters to audiences aged 5 – 12.

Earl Arts Centre, Launceston

- Fri, Oct 13 2023
- Fri, Oct 13 2023
- Sat, Oct 14 2023

\$25.00 General Admission