



# Frequently Asked Questions

## TasSTAR Peer Tutor Program

**What is peer tutoring?** Peer tutoring involves volunteer students from universities helping in local schools on a sustained and regular basis. This is usually for two to three hours a week during the universities' teaching weeks. The TasSTAR Peer Tutor Program is in place on all three UTAS campuses, placing peer tutors with schools and colleges in Burnie, Launceston, and in Hobart.

**How long am I assigned to a class for?** You can commit to a period of up to six months (excluding holidays and exams). In some cases, tutors may commit for shorter periods—please talk to us if you need some flexibility.

**Will I have to actually teach a class?** No, you are not expected to run the class—teachers are always in charge and responsible for the class. But if teaching interests you, discuss this with your assigned teacher.

**So, what do I do during class?** Peer tutors are a resource to the teacher—usually working individually or in small groups to help students with their work and relate the subjects to the outside world. You might help with class discussions or accompany the students on excursions.

**What should I do on the first day?** Your assigned teacher will introduce you to the class—wear your name badge and maybe write your name up on the board. Make an effort to start learning their names too. Tell the class why you are there and bit about yourself. Just stay relaxed and confident and remember to smile!!

**What should I do if I can't make it to one of my classes?** Remember, peer tutoring is a serious commitment—always make sure your assigned teacher is aware of any situation that means you can't make it to class.

**What will I get out of TasSTAR?** Lots! Your TasSTAR experience will demonstrate to future employers that you have shown initiative, commitment and leadership through volunteering alongside of your studies. You will also gain lots of valuable 'life skills' and make a real and positive impact on school students' futures. We will have a get-together at the end of the year to celebrate TasSTAR, where you will receive a certificate to formally acknowledge your commitment and the skills you've gained.

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