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Variety School Breakfast Club – Overview

School breakfast programs offer several benefits to students, schools, and communities. These include improved academic performance, enhanced student nutrition and health, increased school attendance and punctuality, improved student behaviour and focus, improved social and emotional well-being, and improved parent and community engagement.

Variety Tasmania is proud to be partnering with the Tasmanian Government to roll out the Variety School Breakfast Club to all government schools by 2028, to ensure every student has access to breakfast on every school day.

Schools are invited to apply for a grant through the Variety School Breakfast Club program to initiate or expand a breakfast club for their students, and work with Variety Tasmania to ensure its longevity.

Click and Deliver Partner

In 2026, we introduced Loaves & Fishes as our preferred Click and Deliver supplier to all schools. Our priority in working with Loaves & Fishes is to ensure reliable access to fresh, nutritious food while building a universal school breakfast program that is sustainable and value for money. Your school will have the option to allocate funds to use with Loaves & Fishes, and have your food conveniently delivered weekly to your school and reduce invoicing administration.

If your school is successful in securing funding, we can work with you to decide what will work best for your school.

Before you begin

We recognise that every school is starting from a different position. We are here to work with you to overcome any challenges and will support you to successfully transition over to the Universal Breakfast Club.

Eligibility Criteria – to select Schools for 2027

- Government schools in Tasmania with an ICSEA score of **980 or less**.
- The school leadership team commits to making breakfast available for **all students on every school day**.
- Agree to provide Variety Tasmania with a short acquittal report at the end of each term.

Funding Formula

The funding levels for the Variety School Breakfast Club are determined based on data from an extensive pilot phase and acquittal reports from recipient schools, which show that typically 25% to 35% of students attend the breakfast club each day.

The total amount that will be granted to a school is calculated based on \$0.55 per student, per school day, for 35% of the school population.

Example grant calculation:

Total Students enrolled	200
35% of Total students	70
x \$0.55 per student per school day	\$0.55
x 200 school days	\$7,700 per year
	\$1,925 per school Term
Total grant available: \$7,700 per year paid in equal amounts per Term	

We recognise the challenges small regional schools face with the cost of food items required and that sometimes local businesses and community groups are limited in what support they can offer.

We encourage you to contact Variety on (03) 6248 4888 or email info@varietytas.org.au to discuss your school's unique circumstances and needs.

Funding Period:

- The Variety School Breakfast Club funding agreement covers a full school year.
- The grant will be paid in equal amounts over the 4 school terms.
- The Tasmanian Government has committed funding to the program until 2029.

Application Process – Expression of Interest (EOI)

- The EOI period is open from 1st September 2026 to 30th September 2026.
- Schools will be notified of the outcome of their application by the 1st November 2026.
- Successful schools must sign and return their funding agreement before the start of Term 1, 2027. Funding will commence once the signed agreement has been received.
- Funding can only be used for the purchase of breakfast food items and cannot be used to purchase equipment or to subsidise wages to run the Breakfast Club.

Acquittal Report

Schools must submit a short acquittal report at the end of each term, accessible via your SmartyGrants Variety School Breakfast Club application portal.

Failing to submit this report on time may cause a delay in payment.

Acknowledgement

The school is expected to publicly acknowledge the Tasmanian Government and Variety Tasmania funding through social media and school newsletter announcements, a prominent display of the Variety School Breakfast Club plaque (provided by Variety) and including Variety's logo on the school's website.

If you require further information, please don't hesitate to contact the Variety Tasmania Team at (03) 6248 4888 or info@varietytas.org.au