

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.

The Variety School Breakfast Club is proud to be partnering with the Tasmanian Government to roll out the program to all government schools over the next four years, 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.

Before you begin

We are here to work with you and work through some of the hurdles that might hinder your school achieve the objectives of this program. Please pick up the phone and call us to talk through any questions or challenges you might think of.

Eligibility Criteria – to select Schools for 2026

- Government schools in Tasmania with an ICSEA score of **950 or less**.
- The school leadership commits to making breakfast available for **all students on every school day**.
- Parents and carers are welcome/invited to drop in for a cuppa and a chat.
- The school has the appropriate facilities and is willing to take the necessary steps to implement and create a sustainable school breakfast program.
- Where possible, the school will proactively seek support from local groups, organisations, and businesses to secure the required support for a sustainable and sufficient breakfast club.
- Agree to providing Variety Tasmania with a short acquittal report at the end of each term.
- The 40 schools already involved in the Variety School Breakfast Club program will continue in the program for 2026.

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 15% to 30% of students attend the breakfast club each day.

The total amount that will be granted to a school is calculated based on \$0.50 per student, per school day, for 30% of the school population.

Example grant calculation:

Total Students enrolled	200
30% of Total students	60
x \$0.50 per student per school day	\$30
x 200 school days	\$6,000 per year
Total grant available: \$6,000 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.

Application Process – Expression of Interest (EOI)

- An EOI process for 2026 will be open from 10th November to 21st November 2025.
- Schools will be notified of the outcome of their application on the 1st December 2025.
- Successful schools must return a signed copy of the funding agreement by the start of Term 1 before the funding agreement is activated.
- Variety Tasmania's decisions are final.
- Funding can only be used for the purchase of breakfast food items.
- Schools can access the EOI form here: [Variety School Breakfast Club - Variety](#)

Acquittal Report

Schools must submit a short quarterly acquittal report, provided by Variety to the contact person listed in the agreement. Failing to submit this report on time may cause a delay or termination of the agreement.

Acknowledgement

The school is expected to publicly acknowledge Variety's funding and contribution 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.

Where appropriate Variety may organise a media launch or invite a public personality to the opening or launch.

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