Dear [Name],

RTI Application #230
Art medium used by students enrolled in ART315112, Art Production 2016

I refer to your recent application for an assessed disclosure under the Right to Information Act 2009 (the Act) seeking information relating to the primary art medium used by students enrolled in ART315112, Art Production in 2016.

I confirm that I hold a delegation from the Executive Officer, Tasmanian Assessment Certification and Standards Office to make decisions under the Act.

I have determined that there is no information responsive to your request. My reasons for this decision are outlined in the attached Statement of Reasons.

This decision is made pursuant to Section 22 of the Act. You are entitled to an external review of this decision under section 45 of the Act. Such a request is to be made within 20 working days to the Tasmanian Ombudsman, GPO Box 960, Hobart, Tasmania.

Yours sincerely,

[Signature]

Katharine O'Donnell
Right to Information Delegate
Office of Tasmanian Assessment, Standards and Certification

[Stamp] March 2017
RIGHT TO INFORMATION ACT 2009

DEPARTMENT OF EDUCATION

STATEMENT OF REASONS FOR DECISION - RTI 230

1. Background

I refer to your recent application dated 17 February 2017 to the Department of Education for an assessed disclosure under the Right to Information Act 2009 (the Act).

Your request was transferred to the Office of the Tasmanian Assessment and Certification Standards (TASC) on 22 February 2017 under section 14(1) of the Act.

Specifically you are seeking:

“ART315112 - Art Production is a subject taught in Years 11 and 12. The medium of expression students choose to use can be diverse, ranging from multimedia, to ceramics to painting to needlework.

- This application is seeking first, information as to the primary Art medium (drawing – pencil or crayon, painting- oil or water colour, photography, ceramics for example) used by the students and assessed externally by TASC examiners, in the bodies of work of Y11 & Y12 students enrolled in ART315112 - Art Production and who attained an Exceptional Achievement in 2016.

- Secondly, of the cohort of Y11 and Y12 students using the same Art medium and examined externally by TASC in the south in 2016, what is the percentage of students who attained an award of Exceptional Achievement within each cohort?”

2. Authority to make decision

I hold a delegation from the Executive Officer, Tasmanian Assessment and Certification Standards (TASC) granted under s24 of the Right to Information Act 2009.

3. Basis for the decision

A search for the requested information was undertaken in accordance with the Right to Information Act 2009.

4. Material upon which findings are based

This decision is based on information searches undertaken by this Office, including a review of a sample of Practical Examinations Marking Sheets for Art Production, as well as verbal discussions with the Chief Marking Examiner.

5. Decision

I have determined that there is no information responsive to your request.

6. Reasons for Decision

I understand that you are seeking information as to the primary art medium (drawing – pencil or crayon, painting- oil or water colour, photography, ceramics for example) used by students who attained an Exceptional Achievement in the bodies of work externally assessed by TASC for ART314112 – Art
Production in 2016; and the percentage of students who attained an Exceptional Achievement for each cohort using the same Art medium.

Following a review of a sample of Practical Examinations Marking Sheets for Art Production, and advice from the Chief Marking Examiner to a TASC Officer, I have determined that the art medium for individual students is not information recorded in any format by TASC. This includes recording of information in an electronic database or on the Practical Examinations Marking Sheet for Art Production, nor is the information embodied so as to be capable of being reproduced by this Office in any possible way.

Therefore, as there is no possible way to identify the art medium, there is no information responsive to part one of your request. Similarly, as the art medium cannot be identified, there is no possible way that a response can be provided to part 2 of your request.

7. Review and Complaint

This decision is made pursuant to Section 22 of the Act. You are entitled to an external review of this decision under section 45 of Act. Such a request is to be made within 20 working days to the Tasmanian Ombudsman, GPO Box 960, Hobart, Tasmania.

Katherine O'Donnell
Right to Information Delegate

March 2017