

The author wishes to remain anonymous. This piece is a summary of her conversations with friends and her own experiences. They are all 18-20 years old and they are psychology, medical, engineering, architecture, law and science students.

Many of my UTAS friends/peers love and need lectures/classes in order to learn. Being in your bedroom, alone, all day, watching a small screen with an old recorded lecture is such a hard way to learn, and it's not as though they're getting the course any cheaper. Any time that there is a lecture for a class, the theatres are full with desperate students who want some sort of a university school environment to learn in. Many are just grasping at any leftover crumbs of what university life was meant to be.

Hearing from our parents about how their time at university was the best most memorable years of their youth, meeting lifelong friends and SOs, uni life activities like unibar and scavenger hunts and things on the Sandy Bay lawns. We're not getting any of that, and the little that's left over of it, at the Sandy Bay Campus, once that's gone, there won't be anything left at all. Honestly, it's really sad. The students have been completely forgotten and ignored during this whole move/change to online learning, nobody wants this much online learning, the novelty has worn off.

The CBD is NOT an appropriate learning environment or accessible whatsoever.

ALL of my friends that have class in the city, ALL have to park in Sandy Bay, and then walk into town to get to class. It's too hard, and expensive to park in town, ESPECIALLY as a young driver.

Also, everyone that has their uni in the CBD, comes to the Sandy Bay Campus in order to study and go to the library and meet with friends to study on the grass or in the cafe/mingling areas. Not just because there is NOWHERE in town to do any of this, but also because town is so crammed and depressing and all they're desperate for is a calm nice green environment to get their work done and have a proper uni experience with their friends.

Everybody is leaving.

A large majority of my friends, and my graduating year 12 grade, are leaving/already left the state to complete university elsewhere for the main reason that UTAS has absolutely NO university culture or community left, as well as a HUGE majority of ALL classes being online, which is a complete cop out and the excuse of COVID is still being overused. May as well pay the same course fee and get a better education and experience elsewhere.

Everything is hush hushed.

Any time that any of them have spoken to a teacher or brought up their concerns during class with mates, it is immediately shut down and not allowed to be spoken about. It's all a very dystopian feeling at school at the moment.

I think we can all agree that the University of Tasmania is no longer an institution of learning, but is solely a property development empire consumed by greed for profit, with a little side business of degree making on the side.