

Winter school holidays: July 2020 safety and information

2 July 2020

Dear Point to Point Transport Service Providers,

School holidays officially kick off in NSW on **Monday 6** until **Friday 17 July** and with further easing of restrictions including the opening of the QLD border from **Friday 10 July**, it is likely there will be increased patronage on NSW roads, public transport and use of point to point transport.

Service providers are reminded that they are required to provide safe passenger services.

As Coronavirus restrictions ease, service providers and drivers are encouraged to remind passengers of the following:

- Do not travel if they are feeling unwell
- Sit in the backseat of the vehicle where possible
- Use contactless where available
- Handle their own luggage including placing it in the boot where possible

Drivers should maintain excellent vehicle and personal hygiene and remember the following:

- Wash hands often with soap and water
- Employ standard cleaning practices at the start and end of each shift, by wiping down surfaces with disinfectant
- Use an alcohol-based hand sanitiser where possible between hand washes and after opening and closing doors, exchanging payment and after personal contact
- Encourage customers to use contactless payments where possible
- Visit one of the Metro or Regional vehicle sanitisation stations to have high touch areas of the vehicle sanitised for free
- Carry out regular vehicle spot cleans between visits to the vehicle sanitisation stations and between shifts.

With an increase in Coronavirus cases in Victoria, new rules have been put in place to prevent Melbourne residents living in virus hotspots from travelling across the border. These new measures include penalties for individuals who fail to comply with the rules facing up to six months in prison or a fine of up to \$11,000 or both.

For more information on [vehicle sanitisation, sanitisation station locations](#) and [tips on how to clean your vehicle](#) please visit pointtopoint.nsw.gov.au

PHYSICAL DISTANCING AND RESTRICTIONS

Passengers in NSW can travel within the state to metro and regional locations and to QLD from **Friday 10 July**. There are no restrictions to the number of passengers travelling in point to point transport vehicles so long as passengers using these services are following safe physical distancing measures where possible including sitting in the back seat and paying using contactless payment methods.

Sporting events recommence at outdoor venues, which will also see an increase in patronage on point to point transport vehicles.

The rules on gathering remain the same: 20 guests inside the home and 20 for gatherings in a public place.

The NSW Government urges everyone to maintain physical distancing, get tested if you feel unwell and stay home if sick.

EXCLUSION ZONE BANKWEST STADIUM 3-5 JULY

An exclusion zone will be in place for drivers of point to point transport vehicles, from **Friday 3 July to Sunday 5 July** at **Bankwest Stadium** in Parramatta.

Areas affected by the exclusion zone include:

- O'Connell Street
- Victoria Road
- Ross Street

Dates and times for exclusion zone:

- Friday 3 July – 9.30pm to 10.30pm
- Saturday 4 July – 9.00pm to 10.00pm
- Sunday 5 July – 8.00pm to 9.00pm



Drivers should not pick up customers from no stopping areas and should encourage them to catch point to point transport vehicles away from the Stadium to assist with traffic flow and pedestrian safety.

There are two taxi drop off and pick up points located at Marist Place near Victoria road and Villers Street near Victoria road, only a short walk to Bankwest Stadium.

For detailed road closure, special event clearway and local access details including maps visit [Live Traffic NSW](#) or download the [real-time traffic app](#).

KNOW THE RULES – MOBILE PHONE CAMERAS

A reminder for point to point drivers – if you are caught using your phone illegally you will face a \$349 fine, or \$464 if detected in a school zone.

There is also a five demerit point penalty for illegal mobile phone use, which increases to 10 demerit points during double demerit periods. Enforcement is carried out by Police and Mobile Phone Detection Cameras across NSW

Do you know what is and is not legal?

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| Make or receive audio phone call | Yes, ONLY if the phone is either: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Secured in a cradle fixed to the vehicle; or • Can be operated without touching any part of the phone, (e.g. Bluetooth controls) |
| Use music or audio functions | |
| Use as a driver's aid (e.g. navigation, fare calculation app, Speed Advisor app or dispatch system) | Yes, ONLY if the phone is secured in a cradle fixed to the vehicle |
| Access a Digital Driver Licence | Yes, ONLY after a police officer has asked you to do so |
| Use wallet functions (make a transaction, show a coupon or voucher, or to access an area) | Yes, ONLY if the vehicle is: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Stationary; and • Off the road (such as in a carpark, driveway or drive thru) |

For more information please visit:

<https://roadsafety.transport.nsw.gov.au/stayingsafe/mobilephones/know-the-rules.html>

Stay safe these school holidays.