



ST THERESE'S PRIMARY SCHOOL

9th June, 2021

Returning to Victoria from an interstate location

Dear Parents, Guardians and Carers,

As the school holidays near completion, I understand some families may have chosen to spend time in interstate locations resting and recuperating before returning to school at the commencement of Term 3, 2021.

As you may be aware, the Victorian Government has introduced a Travel Permit System that allows areas across Australia and New Zealand to be designated as green, orange or red zones based on the latest coronavirus (COVID-19) advice from Victoria's Chief Health Officer. The Travel Permit System applies to all arrivals (Victorian residents and non-residents) into Victoria from around Australia and New Zealand.

The type of permit (and its associated conditions e.g. testing, quarantine etc) depends on the current colour-coded zone where a person is travelling from, as well as anywhere they might have recently been.

Those students and their families returning to Victoria from an interstate location should ensure that the Department of Health (**DH**) quarantine and testing requirements applicable to their Victorian Travel Permit are understood and adhered to.

To support the health and safety of staff, students and the wider school community, the following arrangements will apply from the commencement of Term 3, 2021 at St Therese's School for those students returning to Victoria from a green, orange or red zone:

Green zone:

- Students travelling from a designated green zone may return to school provided that they have no COVID-19 symptoms.

Orange zone:

- Students travelling from a designated orange zone must quarantine until a negative COVID-19 test result is received after their arrival in Victoria. Students must not attend school until they have received a negative COVID-19 test result.
- If a student receives a positive COVID-19 test result they must follow the self-isolation advice provided by the DH and not return to school until clearance has been received from the DH.
- There is no need for others in the household to self-isolate unless they are also waiting for a COVID-19 test result or have been told to quarantine by the DH.



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Red zone:

- Students travelling from a designated red zone must **quarantine for at least 14 days** after entering Victoria, even if they feel well, and must not attend school during this time.
- If a student receives a negative COVID-19 result after being tested on day 13, they are allowed to leave quarantine after day 14 and return to school.
- If a student receives a positive test result they must follow the self-isolation advice provided by the DH and not return to school until clearance has been received from the DH.
- If a person who has been in a red zone cannot quarantine away from others in the household, they should seek alternative accommodation. Families can contact the DH on 1300 651 160 for advice.

Parents, guardians and carers can find up to date information on the Travel Permit System, including the designated zones across Australia, at www.coronavirus.vic.gov.au/travelpermits or by calling the Coronavirus Hotline on 1800 675 398.

I wish to reassure you that if your child(ren) is expected to be absent for an extended period of time as a result of quarantine and testing requirements they will be supported with their learning during their absence.

If you require clarification in relation to the health and safety measures implemented at the school to limit the spread of COVID-19 or require additional support, please contact me via email at principal@sttcbourne.catholic.edu.au

Yours sincerely,

Michelle Bruitzman
Principal