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Dear Mr Cook

Approval for primary and secondary boarding school students with a primary place of residence in either the Australian Capital Territory or a New South Wales Local Government Area with no active cases of COVID-19 - *Border restrictions Direction (No. 13)*

I, Dr Jeannette Young, Chief Health Officer, have provided an exemption for primary and secondary boarding school students with a primary place of residence in either the Australian Capital and Territory (ACT) or a New South Wales (NSW) Local Government Area (LGA) with no active cases of COVID-19, as an exempt class of persons under *Border restrictions Directions (No. 13)* or its successors or until revoked or amended, for persons described in points **1 to 3** below.

Parent or guardian from a COVID-19 hotspot

1. A parent or guardian who:
 - a. is entering Queensland from either the ACT or a NSW LGA with no active cases of COVID-19 to collect a student enrolled in a Queensland boarding school, years Prep to 12; and
 - b. is entering Queensland to collect the student from a Queensland boarding school by **road** to take them back to their place of residence at the ACT or NSW LGA; and
 - c. the road transit will occur by the most direct route practicable from entry into Queensland to the Queensland boarding school, with the return travel from Queensland occurring on the same calendar day; and
 - d. the road transit back to the ACT or NSW LGA will occur by the most direct route practicable.
2. A parent or guardian who:
 - a. is entering Queensland from either the ACT or a NSW LGA with no active cases of COVID-19 to convey a student enrolled in a Queensland boarding school, years Prep to 12; and
 - b. is entering Queensland to convey the student to a Queensland boarding school by **road** from the ACT or NSW LGA; and
 - c. the road transit will occur by the most direct route practicable from entry into Queensland to the Queensland boarding school, with the return travel from Queensland occurring on the same calendar day.

Student from a COVID-19 hotspot

3. A student enrolled in a Queensland boarding school, years Prep to 12, will not be required to quarantine on returning to Queensland if:

- a. their primary place of residence is in either the ACT or a NSW LGA with no active cases of COVID-19; and
 - b. they travelled by **road** from the Queensland boarding school to their primary place of residence; and
 - c. they did not leave the boundary of their primary place of residence for the entire duration that they were in either the ACT or NSW LGA since the time of their arrival; and
 - d. there were no visitors to their primary place of residence while the student was present; this does not include persons who are essential to the operations of the residence; and
 - e. they are entering Queensland by **road** to return to a Queensland boarding school in which they are enrolled, years Prep to 12.
4. An unaccompanied minor who:
- a. is a student enrolled at a Queensland boarding school, in years Prep to 12; and
 - b. meets the requirements in 3 above; and
 - c. is travelling by **road** to return to boarding school from either the ACT or NSW LGA; and
 - d. enters by road must take the most direct route practicable from entering Queensland to the Queensland boarding school.

ACT or NSW LGA with no active cases of COVID-19

5. For the purposes of this class exemption, the ACT or a NSW LGA is considered to have no active cases of COVID-19 if there has not been a new reported case within the past four weeks.

Note: a table of COVID-19 cases by NSW LGA is regularly updated and available at: www.health.nsw.gov.au/Infectious/covid-19/Pages/stats-local.aspx

Quarantine

6. A parent or guardian described in points 1 and 2 above is not required to quarantine in Queensland provided their travel is solely for the purpose of conveying a student to or from a Queensland boarding school and the travel into and out of Queensland occurs within the same calendar day.
7. Students travelling to Queensland from the ACT or from NSW LGAs with no active cases of COVID-19, who are enrolled in a Queensland boarding school, years Prep to 12, are only covered by this exemption where their travel to and from their primary place of residence is by **road**.
8. Students travelling by **air** to Queensland from the ACT or from NSW LGAs with no active cases of COVID-19, who are enrolled in a Queensland boarding school, years Prep to 12, are subject to all quarantine requirements outlined in the class exemptions granted on 26 August 2020. They may be required to quarantine on arrival in Queensland.
9. Students travelling to Queensland from the ACT or from NSW LGAs with known active cases of COVID-19, who are enrolled in a Queensland boarding school, years Prep to 12, are required to quarantine at the boarding school or with a parent or guardian in a government nominated hotel.

This approval does not permit students or their parents or guardians to enter Queensland for any other purpose as per the *Border restrictions Directions (No.13)*.

Please be aware, students or their accompanying parent or guardian will not be permitted to enter Queensland if, in the 14 days prior to their arrival, they have:

- been overseas; or
- COVID-19; or
- had COVID-19; or
- had known close contact with a confirmed case of COVID-19.

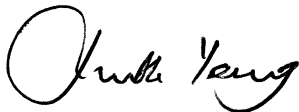
Approval under this class is valid for entry into Queensland for three months from the date of this letter.

When travelling to Queensland, students, including a parent or guardian, are **not** required to complete the Queensland Border Declaration Pass, however students and parents or guardians **must** carry a hardcopy of the following documents, and present them if requested by an **Emergency Officer (Public Health)**:

- a copy of a letter from the Queensland boarding school on the school letterhead confirming the student's enrolment at the Queensland boarding school; and
- statutory declaration completed by the student's parent or guardian declaring that:
 - the student's primary place of residence is in either the ACT or a NSW LGA with no active cases of COVID-19; and
 - the student complied with all requirements outlined in 3 above; and
- student ID; and
- evidence of the parent or guardian's identity, if travelling, confirming their place of residence, for example, a driver's licence; and
- parent or guardian contact details.

This decision has been made based on the Public Health Directions and COVID-19 hotspot declarations in place at the time of this decision. It is each student's parent or guardian's responsibility to review the Public Health Directions and hotspot declarations at the time of entry to Queensland to determine if they are subject to any amended requirements or obligations.

Yours sincerely



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