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More than 131,000 passengers expected at Hobart Airport these school holidays

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Hobart Airport is gearing up for a busy start to school holidays, with Friday 2 October expected to be the peak day as close to 9,000 passengers pass through the terminal.

Hobart Airport CEO Norris Carter said passenger numbers typically increased in the lead up to school holidays.

“We’re forecasting more than 131,000 passengers through the terminal over the two-week period, with Friday expected to be our biggest day,” Mr Carter said.

“We’re continuing to see strong demand for travel, with airlines maintaining good capacity through Hobart Airport.”

“That’s good news for Tasmanians wanting to get away during the school holidays, and for visitors looking to come here.

“More than 50 per cent of traffic over the school holiday period is expected to be on the Hobart-Melbourne route, with some passengers flying onward to other destinations.

“There is also strong demand for Brisbane, which provides access to destinations across Queensland, including the Gold Coast and Sunshine Coast, and connections to more than 30 international destinations.”

“The Qantas Hobart-Brisbane service has increased capacity from 21 September to accommodate inbound school holiday traffic, adding 2,976 seats over the two-week period.”

Mr Carter said that with the terminal upgrade continuing, travellers who have not visited the airport recently would notice some changes.

“If you haven’t travelled through Hobart Airport recently, you’ll notice some significant changes as part of our \$200 million terminal expansion.” he said.

“The investment is about creating more space, improving passenger flow and ensuring the airport can continue to meet growing demand into the future.”

“While construction continues, some gates have moved, so passengers should allow a little extra time to familiarise themselves with the terminal.”

“Passengers can also enjoy new dining and retail options, including Café Marketplace, which opened in August, along with a larger baggage carousel.”

“We know people are excited to get away during the school holidays, particularly families, and we want the airport experience to be as seamless as possible.



“A little planning before you leave home can help make your journey smoother, particularly during busy holiday periods.”

Travellers are encouraged to check their flight details with their airline before leaving home, book parking online to secure a spot, and allow a little extra time to get through security screening and find their gate.

Looking beyond the school holiday period, Qantas will increase its Hobart-Brisbane service to daily flights from 25 October 2026 until April 2027, adding more than 40,000 additional seats.

Mr Carter said the airport was also looking forward to welcoming back its other regular seasonal services from late October, including Jetstar’s Hobart-Newcastle service and Air New Zealand’s Hobart-Auckland service, both of which will have increased capacity in response to strong demand.

Hobart Airport’s terminal expansion is part of a broader investment program of more than \$550 million, including a \$200 million project that will double the size of the terminal.

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