

Brisbane Airport prepares for holiday boom



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[Brisbane Airport](#) (BNE) has boosted capacity as passenger numbers hit fresh records with Queensland on track for the holiday school break.

For the first time since the COVID-19 pandemic began, the International Terminal will tomorrow see more than 9,000 passengers on the move. This is forecast to rise to 10,000 during July, as airlines resume Brisbane routes and other new services begin. This is approximately 45%-50% of pre-pandemic levels. Services to New Zealand, Fiji, Bali and Europe are particularly full.

In more good news for Queensland's tourism industry, domestic travel is also booming. Across July, Brisbane Airport will see peak days of 55,000 travellers which is approximately 95% of pre-COVID levels (July 2019.) Key destinations that have more seats than pre-COVID are Brisbane-Hamilton Island, Brisbane-Hobart and Brisbane-Launceston.

Tomorrow will be the first of what will be many peaks across the holiday period. Domestic passengers are advised to plan ahead to ensure smooth travelling by:

- Arriving at the Domestic Terminal at least 90-minutes prior to departure
- Booking taxi and rideshare transport in advance as some customers have reported delays
- Jumping online and booking car parking as far in advance as possible, as parking demand at BNE has surged with more people opting to drive
- Where you can, take carry-on luggage only although we understand that is not always possible

Brisbane Airport Corporation (BAC) head of Public Affairs Stephen Beckett says it is great for Queensland to see so many people on the move.

"We are incredibly excited to see the terminals filling up and we have boosted the number of staff during peak times. We encourage people to arrive at least 90-minutes prior to domestic flight for a

stress-free departure."

"For international departures, we recommend arriving three hours before your flight. The International Terminal will set a new post-pandemic record on Friday with 9,000 travellers which is fantastic as 75% of international visitors to Queensland arrive via Brisbane Airport," comments Beckett.