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## IMPORTANT CHANGES FOR STUDENTS USING PUBLIC TRANSPORT

Dear Principal

PTV has four exciting changes to help your students access public transport more easily:

- PTV Approved School Student ID
- passport-like photos accepted for PTV School Student IDs
- 7 Day and 30 Day Travel Pass trial
- regional Student Pass price reduction.

### **PTV Approved School Student ID**

From Term 1 2019 school students can use a PTV Approved School Student ID to access concession fares and to buy Student Passes.

For a school's ID to be approved by PTV, it must include:

- the school's name
- the student's name
- the student's photo
- an expiry date no later than 28 February of the year after the student finishes year 12
- the PTV logo.

PTV Approved School Student ID cards may include any other information that schools need, provided there's enough space for the PTV logo.

PTV Approved School Student ID cards must be digitally colour printed using card printing hardware. Hand-made or laminated cards are not accepted.

The existing PTV School Student ID is still an option for students should your school choose not to participate.

For more information about having your school ID approved by PTV, please email [ticketingservices@ptv.vic.gov.au](mailto:ticketingservices@ptv.vic.gov.au)

## **Passport-like photos accepted for PTV School Student IDs**

PTV has added flexibility to the student's photo for the PTV School Student ID. The photos must still be identical and colour printed, but can now be any one of the following:

- a recent school photo
- a photo taken in a photo booth
- a photo taken on a smart phone.

'Passport-like' means the image must be:

- of the person's head and shoulders
- front facing
- of only the student (i.e. no other people or items in the image)
- fill most of the frame
- in focus
- not edited or augmented (i.e. using photo editing apps to add filters, effects, etc.).

From 1 January 2019 you can download the 2019 PTV School Student ID and Student Pass application form at [ptv.vic.gov.au/students](http://ptv.vic.gov.au/students).

## **7 Day and 30 Day Travel Pass trial**

In 2019 PTV is trialling new 7 Day and 30 Day Travel Passes. It's part of our ongoing work to make the public transport ticketing system simpler and fairer for people across Victoria. Schools can buy the new Travel Passes at a heavily discounted rate and distribute them to students that need financial help with public transport.

To validate the Travel Pass, the day, month and year that travel commences needs to be punched by the issuing staff member. Students need to show the ticket to transport staff when using metropolitan trains, trams and buses, V/Line train services in Zone 1+2 or on myki-enabled regional buses.

Schools interested in buying heavily discounted 7 Day or 30 Day Travel Passes to help their vulnerable students should email [ticketingservices@ptv.vic.gov.au](mailto:ticketingservices@ptv.vic.gov.au)

## **Regional Student Pass price reduction**

From Term 1 2019 regional students get cheaper fares with lower Student Pass prices:

	Victorian	Ballarat	Bendigo	Geelong	Colac	Portland	Southwest
Yearly	\$607	\$333	\$235	\$333	\$235	\$235	\$235
Half-yearly	\$317	\$167	\$118	\$167	\$118	\$118	\$118

## **Touching on and off**

We ask that you regularly remind students to touch on and off every time they use their myki on public transport, even if they have a myki Pass or Student Pass. Apart from sending a positive message to the broader travelling public, we use data from these interactions to plan the level and frequency of services for your school.

Thank you for your support in sharing this information with your staff and students.

Yours sincerely



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