

**A 40-year-old man from Grindelwald in the state's North was charged when he was caught by police going 103 in a 40 kilometre-an-hour school zone at Riverside yesterday.**

**Apprehended just after 8:30 in the morning, the driver was going a massive 63 kilometres over the speed limit, all the while during school drop-off hours, to which police say could have had an incredibly devastating outcome.**

**The man was subsequently handed a 966-dollar fine, disqualified from driving for four months and a loss of six demerit points.**

**The State Government will be introducing a revised learner and provisional licensing system later this year to bring it in line with other states across Australia. The changes will see the Tasmanian Graduated Licensing System move toward permanently integrating the L1 and L2 learner licenses into one category – an arrangement that was made to facilitate learners during COVID restrictions – and raise the speed limit to 90 kilometres an hour.**

**As for P-plates, the speed limit will increase to 100 kilometres an hour, and those on their P2's will have to display a new green P2 licencing plate.**

**Transport Minister Michael Ferguson said this new scheme would come into effect from December this year to help young drivers focus on becoming safer on the roads, while also making the system easier to navigate without all the unwanted paperwork.**

**A fire at Elizabeth College this morning caused a site-wide evacuation and an estimated 10 thousand dollars-worth of damage.**

**Just after 11 o'clock, the Tasmanian Fire Service were called into the Hobart campus to help extinguish a small contained fire that's believed to have started in the kitchen's deep fryers.**

**TFS Senior State Officer Matt Lowe praised teaching staff for actively attempting to contain the blaze with extinguishers and a fire blanket, and the whole ordeal lasted no more than half an hour.**

**As and as Stage 2 COVID restrictions were only just lifted last week, only hours ago, Premier Peter Gutwein announced that Tasmania is officially Coronavirus free, meaning there are now NO active cases in the state.**

**That's right, after 27 days without any new cases, Tasmania is now COVID-free, and Peter Gutwein also announced that Stage 3 restriction removals would be brought forward to midday on Wednesday next week. With this new roll-out on June 17<sup>th</sup>, indoor and outdoor venues would be able to facilitate up to 80 patrons – still with social distancing requirements and one person per four square metres – and residential gatherings would be upgraded from 10 people, to 20.**

**Peter Gutwein went on to praise the state in its unity during the earlier strict lockdown laws, saying next week's move is important to help the state move forward while also working to give people's freedom and liberty back.**

**Finally in sports news, with the strict international border control regulations in place due to coronavirus, Big Bash cricket in Australia may be at a disadvantage, as overseas imports could be unable to enter the country.**

**Hobart Hurricanes and Tasmanian all-rounder Nicola Carey mentions that a woman's BBL competition without international imports would be a huge loss, but she is confident the Hobart team, and the league as a whole, will inevitably be able to manage.**

**Spruiking the depth of Australian women's talent, Carey mentioned the possibility of New Zealand lending some players if all else fails, given their lifting of restrictions, saying quote "...that WOULD be interesting, but I'm sure we would make it work."**

**As Carey begins Tasmanian Tiger pre-season training next week, regardless of leagues or fixtures, cricket in Tasmania in the 2020/21 season will look remarkably different.**

**And that's what's making news headlines on the 12<sup>th</sup> of June.**