

# COVID-19 SAFE PLAN FOR SCHOOLS' VISITS

Terms 1 and 2, 2021



## COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Management Plan

For Terms 1 and 2 2021, school visitors to the Memorial are welcome, however can expect a different experience to that had in pre COVID-19 visits. Program types and capacity have been limited to ensure the safety of all visitors and staff onsite.

The Department of Education and Training has approved a revised and broader PACER mandatory institution visit requirement. Details can be found at <https://www.pacer.org.au/2020/06/30/pacer-introduces-two-new-canberra-attractions-for-school-visits/>

The Memorial's *Opening Post COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Management Plan* contains information for all operational areas of the Memorial. The following information includes risk assessment and mitigation strategies specifically for school visitors during Terms 1 and 2 2021.

This document should be read along with the Memorial's Venue Safety and Information for School Excursions document currently available on the website at <https://www.awm.gov.au/sites/default/files/venue-and-safety-schools1.pdf>

Category	Controls implemented
The environment	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>• Our reopening plan has been developed in line with ACT Government's <i>COVID-19 Easing of Restrictions Roadmap</i> (version 4.0)</li><li>• School groups will be met and escorted by Education staff as they arrive. Staff will request assurance from teachers that no teacher or student is unwell.</li><li>• School groups will enter and exit the Memorial separately to the general public.</li><li>• Timed entry sessions will be facilitated for Primary School groups: Monday to Friday on the hour from 9 am to 3 pm, Saturday and Sunday on the hour only from 12 noon to 2 pm</li><li>• Timed entry sessions will be facilitated for Secondary School groups: Monday to Friday at 11 am and 1 pm</li><li>• Student numbers at entry are limited to 90 students per session to allow for the required social distancing</li><li>• Maximum time spent in the gallery will be limited to 60 minutes</li><li>• A perspex sneeze screen has been installed on the reception desk in the schools' entry</li><li>• COVID-19 safe signage is prominently displayed</li><li>• Hand sanitiser will be readily available in the school's entry and program delivery area</li><li>• There will be managed transit of school groups through galleries</li><li>• Contact tracing details are available from school booking information if required</li><li>• There will be active social distancing management of visiting school groups by Education staff</li><li>• Designated toilet facilities adjacent to Aircraft Hall will be available for use by school groups</li><li>• A frequent cleaning regime of surfaces and spaces has been implemented</li></ul>

<p><b>The program experience</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• An engaging, curriculum linked program supported by exhibition collection and Education resources has been developed for Primary school visitors</li> <li>• Exclusive use of Aircraft Hall for Primary School Education program delivery will occur</li> <li>• The curriculum-linked program for Secondary school groups will take place in the main upstairs galleries</li> <li>• Our group ratio has been reduced to approximately 1:10 for program delivery</li> <li>• Our School Wreath Laying Ceremony program will be delivered in a modified form in the Memorial's Sculpture Garden</li> <li>• The Last Post Ceremony attendance will have reduced availability during Terms 1 and 2 2021 with attendance limited to two participants only from schools entering at the 3 pm timeslot.</li> <li>• Both Primary and Secondary schools will be offered a free online program; <i>Virtually there</i> alternative in lieu of an onsite visit. Details can be accessed from <a href="mailto:school.bookings@awm.gov.au">school.bookings@awm.gov.au</a></li> </ul>
<p><b>Our staff</b></p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Memorial Education and Visitor Services staff have undertaken training regarding space management and visitor access</li> </ul>

The following facilities remain paused or unavailable at this time:

- Access to our Discovery Zone (Hands-on) area
- Schools' access to the Memorial's shop however pre-order packs will shortly be made available
- Self-guiding by schools in the galleries

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