

## **VENUE AND SAFETY INFORMATION FOR SCHOOL EXCURSIONS**

Venue	High Court of Australia				
Location	Parkes ACT 2600				
Phone Number	02 6270 6811	Email	bookings@hcourt.gov.au		
Web Address	www.hcourt.gov.au	Group bookings	www.hcourt.gov.au/about/tour-bookings		
Insurance	Does the venue have public liability cove	Yes No			
First Aid	Is there a trained first aid officer at the High Court?		Yes No		
	Are first aid kits available for each activity?		Yes No		
	Is a first aid room available?		Yes No		
Emergencies	Are emergency procedures in place at the High Court?		Yes No		
	Are staff trained to deal with emergency	Yes No			
Access	Are access to and egress from the premi health?	Yes No			
	Is the High Court wheelchair accessible?		Yes No		
	Are disabled toilets available?		Yes No		
Construction/Maintenan ce/ Repair	Are licensed personnel used for all const repair work?	Yes No			
Working with Children	All staff working with children and young adults undergo a police security check and ACT 'Working with Vulnerable People' background check.				
Duty of Care	At all times teachers are responsible for full supervision of students whist visiting the High Court. A teacher or responsible adult associated with the school should accompany students when using the toilets. Please bring sufficient staff to ensure that supervision is possible, we recommend a ratio of one adult to 19 students. Teachers and accompanying adults are to ensure that student behaviour is respectful whist in the High Court, especially if privileged to observe a sitting court.				
Photography and filming	Photographs may be taken throughout the building and in the courtrooms, however, Court Guides will ask for all electronic equipment, including mobile phones, to be turned off prior to entering a sitting court. Filming of tour is not permitted.				



Activity/Program	Recommended age group/ fitness level/ prerequisite skills	Staff accreditation/competence	Potential Risks	Control Strategies
Arrival and departure	All age groups and abilities  Please notify prior to visit of any students in wheelchairs – accessible entry can be arranged at Ground Level if required	None required	Early or late arrival Individual trips or falls during movement to building Traffic hazards	<ul> <li>Recommend arriving no more than 10 minutes early for booked tour</li> <li>Please phone to advise of any delay in your impending arrival</li> <li>Court Guides ensure that booked groups are met promptly and escorted through security as quickly as practicable</li> <li>Students, teachers, and adults to be mindful of footpaths when moving towards and from the High Court</li> <li>Buses should set down student at the National Portrait Gallery set down area off King Edward Terrace.</li> </ul>
Entering and leaving the building	All age groups and abilities	None required	Individual trips or falls during movement into building  Airport scanner-type security checks are conducted by MSS Guards upon entry.	<ul> <li>Teachers and adults are required to supervise students moving into and out of the building</li> <li>Items not permitted in the High Court (for example scissors and other sharp objects) will be collected and returned at the end of your visit</li> <li>It is recommended student backpacks remain at school or on bus, bags will be cloaked unless carrying first aid</li> </ul>
Guided tour	All age and abilities.  It is recommended school groups Year 5 and above	All staff and Court Guides undergo a national criminal history record check (commonly known as a	There are no recorded hazards or risks associated with this activity	Teachers supervise students at all times, no running is permitted in the building     Enclosed footwear is recommended



		police check) and hold current ACT Working with Vulnerable People cards	Wheelchair dependent participants must use lifts and the school must supply a person to push the wheelchair	
Internal movement around the building	All age groups and abilities	None required	Internal ramp balustrades are 900mm high	<ul> <li>Teachers must always supervise students moving in the building</li> <li>Students must not to lean on, lean over or slide on balustrades. It is the teacher's responsibility to enforce this.</li> </ul>
Bag storage	All age groups	All bags and large jackets are to be securely cloaked with MSS Guards upon entry	Theft	<ul> <li>Groups are advised to leave all bags at school or on the bus; bags will be cloaked unless carrying first aid</li> </ul>
COVID-19 Safe requirements	All age groups	None required	Students, teachers, and/or accompanying adults contract and spread COVID-19	<ul> <li>In response to COVID-19 the High Court has in place the following arrangements:</li> <li>Assurance from teachers that no member of the group is unwell;</li> <li>Maximum time in the High Court building will be 60 minutes;</li> <li>Only one group will be permitted in the building at one time;</li> <li>Cleaning regime undertaken throughout the public areas including high-traffic areas;</li> <li>Hand sanitiser stations available throughout the building.</li> </ul>