

# COVID-19 SAFE PLAN FOR SCHOOLS' VISITS

Term 3, 2020



## COVID-19 Risk Assessment and Management Plan

During Term 3, 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 had to be 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 for the remainder of 2020. 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 Term 3 2020, effective from 20 July-25 September 2020.

**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/system/files/documents/venue-and-safety-schools.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 1.0 and 2.0)</li><li>• School groups will be met and escorted by Education staff as they exit buses. 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 school groups: Monday to Friday on the hour and half hour from 9 am to 3 pm. Saturday and Sunday entry on the hour only from 12-2 pm</li><li>• Student numbers at entry is limited to 60 students per session in groups of 30 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 (in Anzac Hall)</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 specifically for Primary school students</li> <li>• Exclusive use of Aircraft Hall for Education program delivery will occur in Term 3</li> <li>• Our group ratio has been reduced to 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>• Last Post Ceremony attendance will have reduced availability from August with attendance limited to two participants only from schools entering at the 3 pm timeslot.</li> <li>• Secondary schools are offered a free online program; <i>Virtually there</i> alternative in lieu of 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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