

National Gallery of Australia Covid-19 Safety Plan for Visiting Learning Groups

The learning team look forward to welcoming students and teachers from ACT and nearby NSW to the National Gallery of Australia in term 3. For those unable to visit, we have expanded our offering of digital programs so that we can connect online. Digital Excursions are available for [primary](#), [secondary](#) and [tertiary](#) students.

Following advice from the ACT Government and Chief Medical Officer, the National Gallery reopened to the public on 2 June 2020. Timed ticketing is in place, as well as further safety measures. For more information about Gallery wide Covid-19 measures please see [here](#).

The following measures have been implemented to ensure the safety of visitors and staff while participating in on-site learning programs:

- All front facing Gallery staff will wear masks when dealing with the public.
- Bookings will be accepted for groups of 50 students or less from ACT and nearby NSW.
- Bookings will be managed so that no two groups arrive at the same time. The maximum of 50 students per hour timeslot will be adhered to throughout term 3. A minimum of 15 minutes will be allocated between groups to reduce contact between visiting groups.
- Groups are asked to leave their belongings on the bus, as cloakroom is not available at this time.
- Upon arrival groups will be greeted outside the main entrance by Gallery Educators and offered hand sanitiser.
- Groups will be divided into a ratio of 1:10, where possible.
- Educators will plan their programs to move through the Gallery to avoid congestion in spaces and ensure groups are able to observe social distancing from general visitors. Primary students are not expected to observe social distancing within the group, however Secondary and Tertiary students will be expected to maintain 1.5 meters from each other and other visitors throughout their visit.
- During programs no shared equipment will be used. This includes stools, iPads, and art materials.
- The Gallery has implemented more regular cleaning in high traffic and high touch point areas.
- Staff have been told to stay home if unwell. If a member of your group is unwell, please do not attend the Gallery.
- Regular reviews of directives given by the Department of Health, ACT Government Health, Safe Work Australia and Comcare are being conducted to ensure protocols and practices are relevant and additional measures are implemented as advised.

Please note the following are currently suspended:

- Workshops in the Tim Fairfax Learning Studio
- Digital Drawing (on-site)
- Drawing Class programs (exceptions may be made if students bring their own sketchbook)
- Self-guiding programs
- Cloaking facilities