



## **National Gallery of Australia Learning Covid-19 Safety Plan for Visiting Education and Booked Groups**

The learning team looks forward to welcoming students, teachers and booked groups to the National Gallery of Australia in late 2021 and 2022. For those unable to visit we have expanded our digital programs so we can connect online. Digital excursions are available for primary, secondary and tertiary.

Timed ticketing has been implemented, as well as further safety measures. For more information about Gallery wide Covid-19 measures please see [here](#).

The Gallery has put in place measures to ensure the safety of visitors and staff.

- Front facing staff and volunteers including the Education team and Voluntary guides will be wearing masks.
- Bookings are accepted for groups of 60 participants or less per half hour from all states and territories where ACT Health permit travel from that jurisdiction. We reserve the right to decline bookings from a known hotspot. On busy days, groups may be staggered by 15 minutes if needed.
- Bookings are managed to avoid different groups arriving at the same time where possible. The maximum of 60 participants per half hour timeslot will be adhered to, unless we are required to stagger groups. Different cohorts are required to maintain social distance from each other. If more than one group is arriving in the galleries or leaving at the same time as another, our Educators and Guides will manage this by ensuring groups maintain social distance and are greeted and farewelled in different locations.
- We prefer groups leave belongings on the bus where possible. The Gallery does have cloaking facilities available if needed.
- Upon arrival groups will be greeted outside by our NGA Educators and Guides and offered hand sanitiser.
- Educators will manage group movement through the Gallery to avoid congestion in spaces and ensure groups observe social distancing from general visitors. Students within a school group are not expected to observe social distancing within the group, however they are expected to maintain 1.5 meters from other visitors.
- Tertiary and educational adult groups can self-guide in small groups. Groups are required to have a self-guided booking via Book Canberra Excursions.
- Stools, shared materials, and the use of the Tim Fairfax Learning Studio can be used with booked programs. Shared equipment will be cleaned between uses following cleaning protocols.
- The Gallery has increased regular cleaning in high traffic and high touch point areas.
- Staff have been told to stay home if unwell. If a participant, student, or teacher in your group are unwell, please do not attend the Gallery.

- Regular reviews of directives given by the Department of Health, ACT Health, Safe Work Australia and Comcare to ensure current protocols and practices remain relevant and additional measures are implemented as requested.
- Self-guiding programs for early learning, primary and secondary groups are discouraged. We may make an exception for smaller groups. Please contact [groupbookings@nga.gov.au](mailto:groupbookings@nga.gov.au) if you would like to make a small self-guided booking.
- All bookings require a correct on the day teacher contact number and email address. The National Gallery reserves the right to cancel a booking if these details are not provided.

The National Gallery looks forward to welcoming visiting education groups back to the National Gallery of Australia. If you have any questions, please contact our bookings office:

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