



COVID-19 Safety Plan for visiting school groups to the Geoscience Australia Education Centre

The health and safety of our staff and visitors is vitally important to Geoscience Australia. School group visits will only take place while there is no community transmission in the ACT or where visiting groups have travelled from.

The following measures will be in place for 2023:

- School groups will be met outside the front entrance and staff will request assurance that no member of the party is unwell.
- No admittance to any group containing people with cold and flu/COVID symptoms or from an active COVID-19 'hotspot'. <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>
- All visitors will wash/sanitise hands on arrival. Sanitiser and handwashing facilities are readily available in the building.
- Every adult accompanying a school group will be asked to sign in at Reception.
- School students will be treated as their own 'bubble'/cohort and Geoscience Australia staff will socially distance themselves from visitors, and refrain from sharing equipment with students (e.g. microscopes). Students and teachers are to maintain 1.5m distance from staff.
- No two groups from different schools to be allowed in the building at the same time.
- School groups will be limited to the foyer, public toilets, and Education Centre, unless prior approval is given by GA delegate.
- GA education staff will stay home if unwell. Note: this may cause interruption to the services provided by the Education Team.
- Most students use activity sheets during visits. We will provide newly printed sheets plus metal clipboards and single-use pencils (that students can take away after the visit).
- A frequent cleaning regime is in place, with particular attention to high touch points within the building. Please check the latest information about COVID hotspots and any travel restrictions for the ACT: <https://www.covid19.act.gov.au/>