

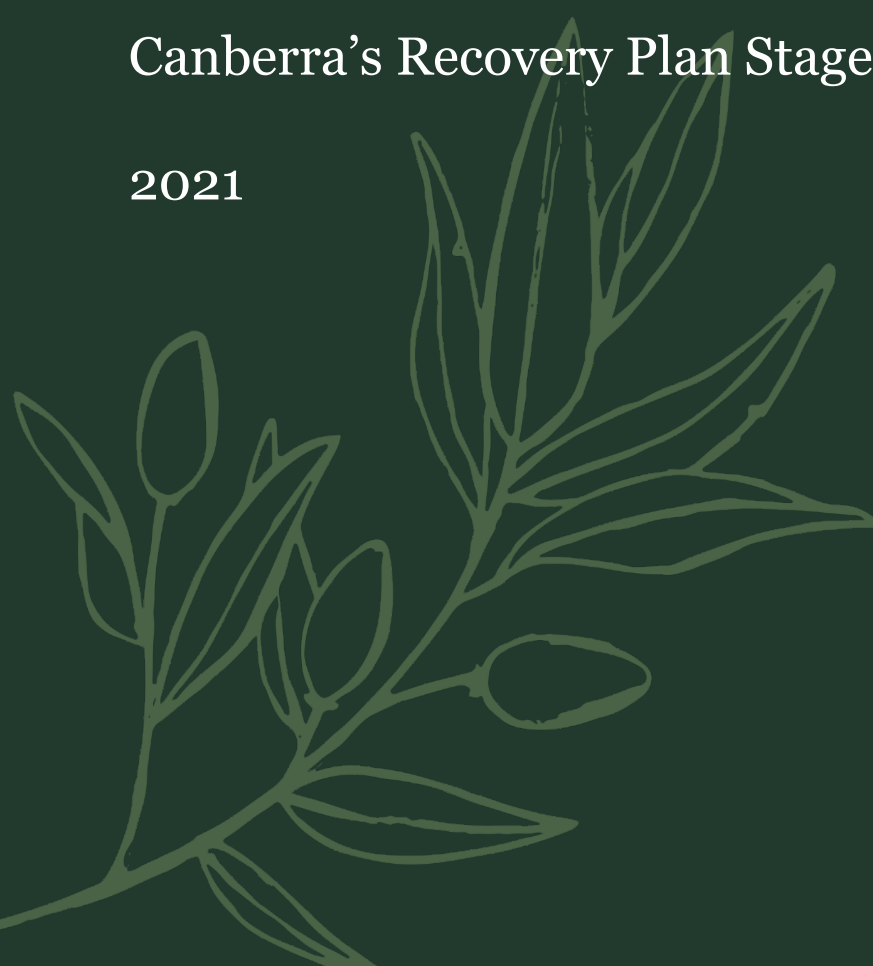


Australian National
Botanic Gardens

ANBG Education COVID Safety Plan for School Visits

Canberra's Recovery Plan Stage 4

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Education COVID-19 Safety Measures

The education team has implemented procedures to ensure the continued safety of students, teachers and staff during excursions to the Australian National Botanic Gardens (ANBG). While still encouraging an immersive outdoor experience, all our facilitated education programs adhere to [ACT Government regulations and requirements](#) and the latest advice from the [ACT Education Directorate](#). School groups must ensure they comply with all safety measures in place.

For all education programs the following safety measures are in place.

Maximum Group Size

The maximum school group size is restricted to 130 attendees including students, teachers, assistants.

Physical Distancing

Facilitated education programs that use an indoor space are limited to one person per 2 square metres. Students are not expected to socially distance from each other, however all educators should maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between themselves whenever possible.

ANBG Staff are trained in social distancing and will maintain a distance of 1.5 metres between themselves and all attendees. To enable this, portable microphones are in use to ensure students can hear presenters and to reduce airborne infection risk.

Cleaning & Sanitation

ANBG Staff are trained in appropriate cleaning and disinfection methods. All equipment is disinfected prior to use or quarantined after use. Control measures are in place to ensure there is no shared equipment use. All indoor spaces used for education program purposes will be cleaned and sanitised in preparation for use following the [WorkSafe ACT Cleaning Checklist](#).

Hygiene

All education programs have hygiene and hand sanitising stations provided. ANBG Staff are trained to ensure appropriate hand and respiratory hygiene. The ANBG has departmental guidelines in place to ensure staff stay home if they are feeling unwell or if they have been in close contact with a person who has or is currently being tested for COVID-19.

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Limited Programs

ANBG has modified the programs offered to ensure staff, teachers and students

Program	Modification
Twilight with Supper	ANBG will not be offering an indoor supper option for 2021. School groups may choose between a 60 or 90 minute Twilight Tour Only
Botany Pond Dipping	Programs are modified to remove stereo microscope use.

Risk Assessment and Public Liability Insurance

The ANBG's risk assessment for school visits is available at [Venue & Safety Information for Schools](#) and the ANBG's Public Liability Insurance at [Certificate of Currency](#).

How you can assist

- Ensure that your students have been briefed and are prepared to leave a 1.5 metre space between themselves and our Education Rangers.
- Ensure students and adults use hand sanitiser or wash their hands regularly while at the ANBG.
- Ensure adults socially distance to 1.5 meters from each other.
- Be ready to help students with any activities that require student and adult to be closer than 1.5metres.
- Discuss with an ANBG staff member if you have any concerns regarding COVID-19 safety.