



Term 3 COVID-Normal School Requirements

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Please check www.education.act.gov.au and www.covid19.act.gov.au for the latest information.

The ACT Education Directorate welcomes students and staff to school in Term 3. Schools remain safe and their operations are guided by the latest advice from the ACT Chief Health Officer and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee (AHPPC).

AT SCHOOL



Gathering size: Up to 1000 visitors are allowed (not including students and staff) if density requirements are met.



Density requirements: Visitors must not exceed one person per two square metres, up to 1000 people. For *additional school events* such as concerts and fetes, the event must comply with the requirements contained in the COVID Safe Event Protocol, including the development of a COVID Safety Plan. See [COVID Safe Events - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au). School theatres with forward facing and tiered seating can operate at 75 per cent capacity, or 100 per cent capacity where the school has obtained ACT Health's endorsement of a COVID Safety Plan.



Physical distancing: Staff and visitors should maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres, wherever possible.



Use of Check In CBR app: All staff and adult visitors to schools, including parents and carers, are strongly encouraged to use the Check In CBR app if they enter the school grounds. Normal visitor sign-in processes also apply.



Mask-wearing: Visitors, students and staff are not required to wear masks, unless under Stay at Home Orders. Stay at Home orders require any person aged over 12 years to wear a mask at all times upon leaving their premises for the approved reasons.



Health and hygiene: Staff and students must practise good hand and respiratory hygiene and stay home if they are unwell and get tested. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched or frequently shared surfaces is occurring at schools.



Incursions, events, fundraising activities and volunteer activities: These may continue if gathering, density, distancing, check-in and mask-wearing requirements are met.



Hiring of school facilities: Hirers must meet relevant requirements in relation to gathering, density, distancing, check-in and mask-wearing outlined at www.covid19.act.gov.au. Hirers must also comply with requirements contained in the COVID Safe Event Protocol.



School playgrounds and bubblers: Playgrounds and bubblers remain open for use.

AWAY FROM SCHOOL

Schools must comply with community public health requirements



Gathering size: Gatherings under 500 people may go ahead if density requirements are met. Planned gatherings of more than 500 people must develop and adhere to a COVID Safety Plan. See [COVID Safe Events - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au).



Density requirements: Density should be calculated using one person per two square metres indoors and outdoors. Students and staff from the same school group may travel together in a bus without meeting this density requirement.



Physical distancing: Maintain physical distancing of 1.5 metres from others, wherever possible. This does not apply to students from the same school group.



Use of Check In CBR app: Staff and students aged 16 and above must use the Check In CBR app at external venues.



Mask-wearing: Staff, parent volunteers and students aged 13 and above are encouraged to wear masks if visiting a crowded indoor venue, for example, on an excursion.



Excursions, camps, and other events: These can go ahead within the ACT, provided gathering, density, physical distancing, check-in and mask-wearing requirements are met. Planned gatherings of more than 500 people must develop and adhere to a COVID Safety Plan. See [COVID Safe Events - COVID-19 \(act.gov.au\)](https://www.covid19.act.gov.au).

INTERSTATE



Camps and excursions: Interstate excursions should not proceed at this time, with the exception of lower-risk camps*, and excursions to neighbouring Local Government Areas in South East NSW including Yass Valley, Goulburn Mulwaree, Queanbeyan-Palerang, Snowy Monaro, Snowy Valley, Eurobodalla, Bega Valley and Shoalhaven. Schools should notify School Operations of any proposed interstate travel, stay up to date with the latest travel advice, and ensure bookings are refundable. International travel remains prohibited, including to New Zealand.