Powerhouse Museum COVID19 Safe Visitor Guide for Self-Directed School Groups

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This guide has been put together to ensure your school stays COVID Safe and gets the most out of a self-directed visit to the Powerhouse.

While correct at the time of printing, COVID Safe arrangements remain subject to frequent review and change.

Please remember that our staff are here to help, which may include assisting you to manage movement through our gallery spaces. Please follow their directions and don’t hesitate to ask them any questions.

In line with NSW Health guidelines for venue capacity, the Powerhouse is open to limited numbers of visitors

Important Information for your visit

- The organising teacher must keep an up-to-date, digitised list of all students attending the Museum on the day of your visit, this should include contact information for all students in attendance. Should this information be required for contact tracing, the school will be responsible for providing this information to NSW Health.
- Due to strict capacity limits, please contact the booking team in advance to advise of any changes to your group numbers, or if you are running late (02 9217 0222, available 7 Days, 10am – 5pm).
- Arrival 15 minutes prior to your session time is strongly advised
- The COVID Safe teacher to learner ratio at the museum is 1 supervisor per 15 learners.
- Find the Powerhouse Museum Schools Risk Assessment and Certificate of currency here

To help keep everyone COVID-19 Safe:

All visitors must:

- Comply with current NSW Government public health orders
- Be fully vaccinated if aged 16 years or over (unless medically exempt)
- Provide proof of vaccination or medical exemption upon entry, such as a:
  - COVID-19 digital certificate (Medicare, MyGov or Service NSW Apps)
  - Printed version of the digital certificate or immunisation history statement (including contraindication)
• Be accompanied by a fully vaccinated adult if under 16 years
• Delay their visit if:
  - unwell or displaying any cold or flu symptoms
  - subject to a NSW Government stay at home order or travel restriction
• Please use the hand sanitiser provided on arrival.
• Practice physical distance (1.5m whenever possible) and follow the guidance provided by our staff and signage throughout the museum.

Arrival and departure

• Teachers are required to check-in on arrival with Museum staff on Level 3 via the main forecourt and are responsible for keeping an up-to-date, digital list of all attendees in the group, with contact information for contact tracing.
• School group entry to the Museum is via Level 2.
• Exit is via Level 2.
• Trolleys are available on Level 2 in the Powerhouse Learning Centre (PLC) for self-cloaking of any bags.

Travelling safely through the Museum

• Capacities are limited in all exhibition spaces in accordance with NSW Health guidelines. Larger groups are asked to split up to move between exhibition spaces.
• As much as possible, when moving between floors, travel up via escalators and down via ramps.
• The accessible travel pathway is via the elevator.

Things to see

For a full list of current and upcoming exhibitions, head to maas.museum/whats-on/ to plan your visit.