

# OUR SCHOOLS IN 2021 AND COVID-19

Catholic Education in the Archdiocese of Canberra and Goulburn (CECG) welcomes students and staff back to school in 2021.

Schools remain safe and their operations are guided by the latest advice from the ACT and NSW Chief Health Officers and the Australian Health Protection Principal Committee.

For the latest information please check our website [cg.catholic.edu.au/covid-19-information-and-updates/](https://cg.catholic.edu.au/covid-19-information-and-updates/) or contact Tim Elliott ([Tim.Elliott@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Tim.Elliott@cg.catholic.edu.au) or 0409 042 130) or Jon Sleeman ([Jon.Sleeman@cg.catholic.edu.au](mailto:Jon.Sleeman@cg.catholic.edu.au) or 0409 002 598).

## AT SCHOOL

Students and staff will continue on-campus learning in 2021.



**Gathering size:** visitor numbers must not exceed 1000 people (ACT) and 100 people (NSW) - this does not include students and staff.



**Density requirements:** visitors must not exceed one person per two square metres in indoor/outdoor spaces up to 1000 people (ACT). Additional school events should operate according to the COVID Safe Event Protocol. Event and gatherings over 1000 people require an exemption. Events between 501- 1000 people must notify ACT Health of the event and submit a COVID Safety Plan for review. The Check In CBR/Service NSW app should be used.



**Physical distancing:** staff and visitors should keep 1.5 metres apart from each other where possible, unless they are from the same family group.



**Checking in:** visitors to schools, student drop-offs including parents and carers, should check in using established school processes.



**Health and hygiene:** staff and students should stay home if they are unwell and get tested. Regular cleaning and disinfecting of commonly touched or frequently shared surfaces will occur throughout the day and routine cleaning will occur each night. Students and staff are encouraged to wash their hands throughout the day. Hand sanitiser has been provided to all schools.



**Incursions, events, fundraising activities and volunteer activities:** these may continue in schools if gathering, density, distancing and check-in requirements are met. COVID Safety Plans must be completed.



**Hiring of school facilities:** this may continue if gathering, density, distancing, hygiene, cleaning and check-in requirements are met.

## OFFSITE WITHIN ACT AND NSW

When leaving school sites to attend external venues, students, staff and other attendees should meet the following restrictions:



**Gathering size:** numbers must not exceed 1000 people (ACT) (including students and staff) and per NSW requirements.



**Density requirements:** density should be calculated using one person for 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. In the ACT the COVID Safe Event Protocol should be used for events held at external venues such as athletics or cross-country carnivals.



**Physical distancing:** attendees should keep 1.5 metres apart from each other where possible, unless they are from the same school group. Staff should continue to maintain physical distancing requirements.



**Checking in:** follow the check-in/COVID procedures of the site or venue.



**Excursions, camps and offsite carnivals:** these can go ahead provided the gathering, density, physical distancing and check-in requirements are met. School events held at external venues should be in accordance with the COVID Safe Event Protocol.

## INTERNATIONAL / INTERSTATE TRAVEL



**Camps and excursions:** international travel is prohibited and interstate travel to identified COVID-19 affected areas is prohibited. Schools should notify CECG of any proposed interstate travel, stay up to date with the latest travel advice, and ensure bookings are refundable.