

Covid Safety Policy: Ensuring your Forest Education Foundation experience is Covid Safe

Rationale

FEF will focus on providing Covid Safe learning experiences in line with Government guidelines and policies. FEF will prioritise outdoor learning settings where possible.

What is FEF responsible for:

- Where possible, FEF staff will stay 1.5 metres from teachers/visitors and comply with density requirements, such as maximum room capacity advice
- All resources and equipment will be washed and sanitised between uses (special events/field resources/FIB etc.).
- Where possible, Land/Reserve Manager will be contacted to ensure adequate hand wash and paper towels in bathrooms
- Students will be grouped and seated to follow individual schools or DOE physical distancing policy
- Where possible, excursions will be limited to a single class session per FEF teacher
- FEF staff will notify the school to reschedule (subject to availability) in the instance they are unwell or display any symptoms of Covid-19
- FEF will inform the school if a FEF staff member, who came in contact with a school group, tests positive with Covid-19 and will follow the advice of Public Health and school policy

What are school/groups responsible for:

- Communicate and remind students of the need to practice physical distancing- remain 1.5m away from FEF staff
- Communicate any DoE or individual school Covid policy guidelines to students
- Communicate and promote the need for good hygiene to limit the spread of germs
 - cover coughs and sneezes with an arm or tissue -dispose of tissues in bin and wash hands
 - avoid touching the face, eyes, nose and mouth
 - Frequent hand washing or use of hand sanitiser when embarking the bus, prior to handling FEF resources, before and after eating and after going to the toilet.
- Communicate and remind students to avoid touching objects, unless asked to by FEF staff member
- Provide hand sanitiser for student usage
- Any student who is unwell is not to attend and should [consult the Tasmanian Government Coronavirus website](#) for current testing advice

This document will be reviewed annually, or in any of the following scenarios:

- In response to changes to Tasmanian Government guidelines or requirements
- Following a positive Covid-19 case or when deemed necessary