



Street Science COVID Policy

Street Science understands your concerns in the current climate and wants to reassure you and your school community that we are taking the current circumstances around COVID-19 seriously. During these unprecedented times we are heeding advice from Queensland Health and the measures we have put in place are outlined below. Please note, these guidelines are subject to review in line with Queensland Government restrictions.

- Street Science staff are trained on the importance of hand and respiratory hygiene (regular effective hygiene protocols, including regularly washing hands with soap and water or using hand sanitiser and covering coughs and sneezes) and social distancing.
- Our staff will check in to your venue on arrival
- Staff are conscious of the need to limit the amount of adult-adult contact in and around schools. Our staff are also avoiding close contact with students where possible and refraining from shaking hands or giving hi-5s.
- Our staff are educated about the early signs and symptoms of COVID-19 and the need to stay home if unwell.
- Street Science management are supporting employees to adhere to official advice about how to help reduce the spread of COVID-19. Our staff have also completed training for infection control and prevention.
- It is normal procedure for our staff to encourage students participating in Street Science incursions to wash their hands after hands-on activities/before they go back to class and we will continue to re-enforce this message at every school we visit.
- Street Science have implemented processes to increase cleaning of frequently touched science gear used in schools, such as safety glasses, workshop materials and tables as per Qld Health recommendations.
- Most of our workshops involve single use materials and individual equipment reducing the risk of cross contamination. The Year 6 Electronics workshop and the Year 3/5 Microscopy workshop involve shared equipment in small groups, these equipment pieces however are cleaned between school incursions at the end of the day in house.
- Street Science Complies with the COVID Safe Industry Plan for education providers, as per our website.

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Delivery of School Incursions

Inline with the Queensland Government's Roadmap to Easing Restrictions on COVID19 (2021) the delivery of our school incursions will be modified as follows:

- **Hands on workshops**

The set up of our workshops will be altered so that there are less students at each workshop workstation (8 students per table instead of 10). We will advise you how many tables will be required for your incursion. On arrival our presenter will discuss the set up with the lead teacher and take their lead on appropriate spacing. Workshops will continue to be held in the school hall or an outdoor space if suitable.

- **Stage Shows**

All science shows will be held in an undercover area or in the school hall for an appropriate amount of students as per principal discretion. Our dedicated administration team will be in touch with you to discuss how your booking can be modified to accommodate these changes.