

AUSECO Field Studies COVID Policy

The following measures must be followed by all teachers, students, educators, and any additional attendees to an AUSECO field study. They will be explained to each class at the beginning of the day by their AUSECO educator.

1. Any students, teachers or AUSECO educators experiencing flu like symptoms must not attend on the day.
2. AUSECO educators will practise safe social distancing on all field studies and will remind students to do the same if required.
3. AUSECO educators will practice good COVID hygiene when they meet on site before handling equipment required for the day's excursion.
4. AUSECO educators will not shake hands with teachers, students, or each other.
5. AUSECO educators will carry hand sanitiser to be used throughout the day. All students must apply hand sanitiser at the start of the day, at the start of every activity, and at the end of every activity.
6. AUSECO educators will ensure students also use hand sanitiser before and after food breaks and bathroom breaks.
7. AUSECO educators must instruct students to wash their hands with water before starting any animal catches to reduce risk of injury or death to animals.
8. AUSECO educators will choose outdoor areas to teach where there is ample space for students to sit away from the public. This includes keeping away from other class groups throughout the day and moving away from any areas that become crowded.
9. AUSECO educators will not leave hand sanitiser with students at any time. If they are unable to supervise, they will ask the class teacher to look after it.

AUSECO encourages all students to wear a face mask on the bus journey to and from site. It is also advised that students bring a face mask so they have the option to wear it during the day should they choose.

