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Starlab Education COVID Procedures

Starlab Education has adjusted procedures to minimise risk of Covid 19 transmission and ensure the safety of staff and participants during our school visits. The plan is drafted in reference to Queensland Department of Education guidelines, Queensland Health and World Health Organisation advice.

1, Presenters are directed not to visit schools if they are feeling unwell. A replacement presenter will be arranged, or the school contacted as soon as possible to arrange a reschedule to a later date. The reschedule dates offered will be preferably in the same term or as close to the original date as practical.

2, Presenters are fully vaccinated and able to provide certificate on request.

3, Presenters are provided with hand sanitiser for use on arrival prior to entering the school and before and after every contact with high touch surfaces. Presenters are directed not to touch any surface unless necessary. Staff will only use the designated areas and restroom as directed by the school administration.

4, Presenters will social distance at least 1.5 metres from adults and students as much as practicably possible enabling them to perform their duties.

5, Presenters regularly sanitise equipment. Presenters are provided with alcohol wipes, disinfectant spray, disposable gloves, cloths and hand sanitiser to regularly sanitise equipment including the dome and staff seating. Starlab equipment is sanitised at the beginning and end of each visit and as often as practical during the main breaks.

5, Presenters are supplied with personal disposable masks to wear as directed under QLD Health. As at 20 January 2022, presenters are instructed to wear masks during presentations inside the domes and when in close proximity to staff & students.

6, Starlab has introduced air purifiers with Carbon and HEPA filters to our domes alongside air conditioners (where required), and further increased the volume of fresh air flow pumped into the domes on inflation and during the programs. In effect, the air quality inside the dome is purer than outside.

7, Students are required exercise appropriate hygiene. We request students to sanitise their hands under teacher supervision prior to entering the venue with designated sanitiser supplied by the school. **Students are not permitted inside the dome if they are unwell**. If students are unfit to attend school, they are **NOT** permitted to attend the presentation. Presenters reserve the right to instruct any person including the supervising teacher presenting with any suspected symptoms (cough, sneezing, fever, flu like symptoms) to be refused entry or removed from the dome under the supervising school staff member.

8, Students are instructed to spread out inside the dome and remain in their position during their session. Students may not exit and re-enter the dome once a presentation has started unless supervised by school staff.

9, Starlab is maximising the space in the planetariums where possible. We recommend booking the Giant Dome where possible. Each school will have different requirements in reference to facilities, varying programs, student numbers, class sizes and timetabling, etc. Adjustments may include shortening sessions and increasing the number of sessions per visit, adjusting the duration of the visit, substituting domes or conducting part of the session outside the dome and part inside the dome.

10, Starlab Education relies on the school contact to be responsible for providing a safe environment and adhere to health guidelines as directed by Qld Health and Queensland Department of Education.

11, Visits disrupted due to Covid 19 school closures will be rescheduled to the first available subsequent dates.

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