

WINDSOR PRIMARY SCHOOL

DOGS AT SCHOOL POLICY

A diverse and inclusive community where everyone is respected and has the opportunity to thrive.

PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds. This includes the procedures in place for any wellbeing dog program to support student engagement and mental health.

Definitions

A **pet dog** relates to any dog that is privately owned in the community for companionate reasons, rather than as a support function that requires specific skills or training.

A **stray dog** is any dog that is not accompanied by their owner.

Pet dogs

Windsor Primary School is not a public place, and the school has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.

Whilst Windsor Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, we have in place a number of rules that we expect all families to follow if they wish to bring their pet dog onto school grounds:

- pet dogs must be leashed at all times and in the control of a responsible adult
- owners must accompany their pet dog at all times
- families that bring dogs to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump may be asked to remove the dog from school premises.

The Principal or nominee has the authority to prohibit certain dogs from school grounds or modify this policy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff, students and members of our school community at any time.

Stray dogs

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the school office. School staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria Police for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school.

COMMUNICATION

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's website

- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

Duty of Care Policy

Visitor Policy

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

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