



Dogs within School Grounds Policy

Rationale

The purpose of the “Dogs within School Ground” policy is to support the promotion of a safe school environment and to ensure the safety of all whilst attending the school: through both direct and indirect contact with dogs.

Purpose

To provide a safe and harmonious school environment for all people to enjoy.

Principles

In addition to our general Occupational Health and Safety (OH&S) risks, we proactively manage and aim to eliminate all risks of harm within our school community.

Procedures

- Dogs are prohibited from entering our school grounds and buildings.
- Owners are asked not to tie up or secure dogs to the school fencing. This includes anywhere within the proximity of the school grounds that could pose a concern to passers-by or people accessing the school gates or crossing.
- Owners, and their dogs, must remain outside the school boundaries at all times.
- Parents are reminded that these rules also apply to small house dogs and puppies.
- Stray dogs wandering around the school yard must be brought to the attention of the office.
- The school will attempt to contact the owners if the dog is identifiable, or otherwise contact the local council for assistance with the removal of the dog.
- *Assistance dogs* that are trained to assist are exempt from this policy.

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