
MILGATE PRIMARY SCHOOL DOGS AT SCHOOL POLICY



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PURPOSE

To explain to our school community the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds.

This policy only applies to pet and stray dogs on school grounds. For policy information on wellbeing and engagement animals, refer to the Wellbeing and Engagement Animals policy.

POLICY

Definitions

A **pet dog** refers 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

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

Whilst Milgate 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
- pet dogs must not be tied up on school grounds or left unaccompanied
- clean up after your dog

- owners to take responsibility for any damage caused by the dog
- 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 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 and Compass
- Discussed at parent information nights/sessions
- Reminders in our school newsletter

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	November 2024
Approved by	School Council
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