



DOGS AT ROSANNA PRIMARY SCHOOL POLICY

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Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact Rosanna Primary School on 94572592 or email the school: Rosanna.ps@education.vic.gov.au

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy only applies to pet and stray dogs on school grounds. For policy information on wellbeing and engagement animals, refer to the department's [Wellbeing and Engagement Animals policy](#) on PAL.

Pet Dogs

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

Whilst Rosanna 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, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Our school community is diverse and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We are also conscious of the health hazards that may be posed by dogs. We ask that families please leave their pet dogs at home or safely tether them outside school grounds when attending our school or school events.

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
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

FURTHER INFORMATION AND RESOURCES

This Dogs at Rosanna Primary School Policy is to be read in conjunction with other related school policies, procedures, and codes found on our website.

These include our:

- Duty of Care Policy
- Visitors Policy
- [Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL](#)

POLICY STATUS AND REVIEW

Consultation	School Council Consultation Date: 21/7/2024
Approved by	Principal
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