



Dogs in School Grounds

Last ratified by School Council: 12th August, 2015

RATIONALE

The purpose of this 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.

AIMS

- To provide for the safety of students, toddlers and parents within the environment of the school yard.
- To ensure access to the school yard and buildings for people with disabilities requiring the use of dogs.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds at all times unless given approval by the Principal. This includes school events such as sports day and community events etc. The exception to this policy is for dogs that assist people with disabilities.
- It is not permitted to tether a dog at the school boundary fence.
- Darraweit Guim Primary School promotes the 'Responsible Pet Ownership Program' for Primary Schools to educate students in the knowledge and understanding needed for responsible pet ownership and animal care.
- 'No Dogs Allowed' signs will be posted at all school gates.
- This policy will be sent home to all parents, added to the school's website and advertised in the Guim Tales.
- Any dog in the school grounds will be immediately reported to the Ranger for collection.
- When possible, dogs will be chained up, or held in the enclosure surrounding the tank until the Ranger arrives.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's policy review process.