



KALINDA PRIMARY SCHOOL

Policy: DOGS

Reviewed: 2013

PURPOSE

- All members of our school community need to be safe. Dogs are a popular pet for students, but require regulation and management when in our school grounds or visiting classrooms.
- To provide a school environment which is safe for students, which is practical, and balances the rights of individuals with the school's duty of care toward all staff and students.

IMPLEMENTATION

- Dogs are very popular pets, but can be involved in serious incidents when not controlled or can be unpredictable when excited or frightened.
- It is well recognised that young children have underdeveloped peripheral vision and judgement about appropriate ways to deal with dogs, especially unknown ones.
- Kalinda PS requests that dogs are not brought into the school grounds within the immediate vicinity of the school buildings area, whether on a leash or not.
- When unaccompanied dog/s are found wandering within the school grounds Emergency Procedures should be followed and appropriate action taken, such as students to be brought inside.

EXCEPTIONS:

- Morning News (show & tell) – parents/teachers must gain prior permission from the Principal, AP or classroom teacher; animals that are brought for such purposes must arrive after 9 am, once class has commenced to avoid concern. All dogs brought in for such purposes must remain on a lead at all times and **must not wait near classroom doors/bag areas/wet areas etc. to enable free access to all areas.**
- Students are to wash hands after the visit.
- Responsible pet ownership is part of the school curriculum.

EVALUATION

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's three-year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council in October, 2013