

DOGS AT GEORGE STREET PRIMARY SCHOOL

PURPOSE

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

POLICY

Pet dogs

George Street 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.

– dogs permitted with conditions

Hudson who is considered a staff member

Whilst George Street 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
- families that bring dogs to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump may be asked to leave.

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 Southern Grampians Shire Council Ranger 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
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Duty of Care
- Visitors policies

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	September 2021
Approved by	Principal
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