



# DOGS AT SCHOOL POLICY

## **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**

Bellaire 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 Bellaire 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 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.

## **RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES**

*Duty of Care and Visitors*

## **REVIEW PERIOD**

This policy was last updated in 2021 and is scheduled for review in [month/year].