



MORELAND PRIMARY SCHOOL – NO 2837

ANIMALS IN THE SCHOOL PLAYGROUND POLICY

1 Rationale

Students and users of the school need to be safe. Dogs and other animals are popular pets, but require regulation and management.

Animals are very popular pets in our community, but are also often involved in serious accidents and the spread of illness. Dogs present a heightened risk.

It is well recognised that young children have under-developed judgement when it comes to approaching and handling animals.

2 Aim

To provide a school environment, which is safe for students, is practical and balances the rights of individuals with the school's duty of care toward all students, staff and community.

3 Implementation

Signage will be displayed indicating that dogs are not permitted on the school ground without the written consent of the principal.

Our school will provide for access to the school of highly trained seeing-eye dogs and police dogs at all times.

Written permission to bring other animals onto the grounds may be sought from the principal and consent given should safety considerations be met and arrangements put in place.

When making decisions regarding access of animals, consideration will be given to activities which enhance student learning within the areas of social science and biological science. Safety considerations will be taken into account.

All parents and community members will be made aware of these school rules and the safety reasons supporting them.

Pet care and safe handling education will be included as a part of the school curriculum.

4 Evaluation

Amendments to the policy will be made on a needs basis.

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