



ALBANY RISE PRIMARY SCHOOL

DOGS AND ANIMALS ON SCHOOL GROUNDS POLICY

RATIFIED BY SCHOOL COUNCIL: 19th June 2019 REVIEW DATE: 2022

ARPS POLICY

PURPOSE:

- 1.1 To ensure the health, safety and welfare of all persons and dogs/animals
- 1.2 To ensure dogs/animals do not cause any harm or damage to School property
- 1.3 To regulate the presence and management of dogs/animals on School premises and in areas where School activities are being undertaken. 'School premises' include all areas, buildings and facilities which are accessible by students, staff and /or members of the public.

GUIDELINES:

- 2.1 Dogs/animals are prohibited on the School premises and must not inhibit access to the school. (This does not apply to guide and assistance dogs)
- 2.2 ARPS is not a public place, and our principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.
- 2.3 Due to their unpredictable nature, the reaction of some students to dogs/animals and various Occupational Health and Safety issues, dogs/animals may not be brought by visitors, staff or students to the School unless deemed appropriate by Principal or delegate e.g. Pet Days/Show and Tell
- 2.4 Any dogs/animals that are brought on to School premises with permission from Principal or delegate must, at all times, be on a leash, effectively controlled and not permitted to independently wander or roam.
- 2.5 Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the school 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.
- 2.6 Any child with any other pet or animal that they wish to bring onto school grounds must seek permission from the Principal.
- 2.7 The owners or carers of any dogs on School premises must also comply with all relevant local Council regulations and the provisions under the Domestic (Feral and Nuisance) Animals **Act** 1994 and the Domestic Animals Amendment (**Dangerous Dogs**) **Act** 2011. Dog owners are required to clean up after their dogs and to remove the refuse from School Grounds for disposal
- 2.8 Signage reflects this policy.

References:

- ARPS Duty of Care Policy
- ARPS Visitors Policy

Principal _____

School Council President _____

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