ART 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 _________________________________

Date ratified by School Council: 19th June 2019

To be reviewed: 2022