



KINGSTON PRIMARY SCHOOL

POLICY ON DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Purpose:

To give clear direction to members of the Kingston Primary School community about the appropriateness of having dogs in the school grounds.

Scope:

The Policy covers all dogs (except guide dogs or hearing dogs or the School Dog).

Roles and responsibilities:

The Principal will advertise the Policy once per term in the School Newsletter.

School staff will advise the Principal of any breaches of the policy or other concerns.

Parents and community members need to comply with the requirements of the Policy.

Requirements:

During school hours:

- All dogs are to be on a lead and well-controlled by the owner; **this must be a parent/carer, not a child.**
- Dogs may only be taken into the Primary area, **not the Early Childhood area (i.e. Kinder – Grade 2).**
- Owners must immediately clean up after dogs.
- Parents must not let a child pat the dog if the child is not known to them.
- Dogs and other animals may only be brought along for Show and Tell by **PRIOR** arrangement with the teacher.

Outside school hours:

Dogs are welcome in school grounds but owners must immediately clean up after dogs.

If children are in the vicinity, the dog must be on a lead.

Review cycle:

Every two years – this Policy is due for review in October 2016.