

DOGS IN COLLEGE GROUND POLICY

Rationale: The purpose of “Dogs in the College Grounds” policy is to support the promotion of a safe school environment and to ensure the safety of all whilst attending the school; through both direct and indirect contact with dogs.

Aims: To provide for the safety of students, toddlers and parents within the environment of the College.

- Dogs are not permitted within the College grounds at any time unless given approval by the Headmaster. The exception to this policy is for dogs that assist people with disabilities.
- It is not permitted to tether a dog at the College boundary fence.
- Owners must remain with their dogs, outside the College boundaries, at all times.
- Owners are entirely responsible for the dog's behaviour and for cleaning up any mess left by the dog.
- Any stray dogs in the College grounds will be immediately reported to the ranger for collection.

References

Section 14 of the Companion Animals Act (1998) prohibits dogs on school grounds except where the principal gives permission. In general, the use of dogs for educational purposes in schools is limited to the following:

- Working dogs on the school farm
- Visits by organized groups or programs, e.g. Responsible Pet Ownership
- Visits by community owned dogs, e.g. for news items o Assistance dogs or Service dogs.

Dogs are not generally considered suitable animals for being housed at a school. For further information regarding this topic, please visit nswschoolanimals.com/dogs/



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