

# Woori Yallock Primary School

School Number: 1259



## DOGS IN SCHOOL GROUNDS POLICY

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<b>References</b>	

**Rationale:**

The school acknowledges the important role that pets play in the community and the positive impact dogs can have on family life. Despite many people within the community having dogs as household pets, as much loved members of their family, not all people share their enthusiasm. Dogs have been known to attack children, and some people have a fear of dogs or are allergic to them.

**Aims:**

- Provide for the health and safety of students, toddlers, staff and parents within the environment of the school yard.
- Ensure access to the school yard and buildings for people with disabilities requiring the use of dogs.
- Ensure that all students feel comfortable and safe in the school grounds.
- Stray dogs in the yard are the clear target for this policy, but the unpredictability of family pets in a school environment requires a blanket approach unless identified in dot point 2.

**Implementation:**

- Dogs are not permitted within the school grounds unless given approval by the Principal.
- Parents are asked, through this policy and by news sharing, not to tie or secure dogs to the school fence and anywhere they can be a concern to passers by, or to people using the school gates or crossings.
- Dogs assisting people with a disability are excluded from the above.
- All staff members will respectfully ask the dog owner to remove the dog from the school grounds.
- The school will contact the Shire of Yarra Ranges when unattended dogs roam the school grounds.