

Dogs and other animals on our school site
Jindalee State School

Background and Intent

- It is recognised that dogs and other animals and pets perform a useful function in our community
- When dogs and other animals and pets are in public and on school grounds, owners and handlers are obliged to comply with local laws and community expectations
- It is important that anyone walking their dog and coming into the school grounds, and otherwise having animals at school follow the safety rules in relation to animals and the safety of our students
- Animals in schools are subject to additional EQ policies regarding ethical treatment and related record-keeping
- Education Queensland policies have been consulted in determining this policy.

Policy and procedure for community members

1. ***Dogs and other animals (other than local wildlife) are not permitted on school grounds without permission of the principal.***
2. With this permission, the following conditions will apply for animals other than local wildlife:
 - a. They must be appropriately restrained as per council regulations
 - b. Dogs are controlled at all times on lead by a person at least 16 years of age and able to restrain the dog.
 - c. They are appropriately registered through statutory procedures, eg, BCC registration
 - d. They have a temperament suited to being around children and crowds. Those that have difficult temperaments and are fearful, timid or dominant should not be taken onto the school site.
 - e. Hygiene with respect to dogs and other animals is maintained through:
 - i. appropriate cleaning of any toileting behaviour (carry plastic bags to do this)
 - ii. keeping dogs and animals out of sandpits or other play areas (keep to paths and passageways, and out of lunch and play areas)
 - iii. Only healthy dogs and animals on the school site (to prevent cross-infection to other pets etc)
 - iv. keeping dogs and animals from licking or other means of transfer of any infection.
3. Service dogs (seeing-eye, hearing assistance, etc) are allowed on the site with their owner and must abide by the above conditions and accommodated appropriately with suitable shelter and nourishment while on site.

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