



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand this policy, please contact the school's front office on 9407 7100 or email on edgars.creek.ps@education.vic.gov.au

Purpose

To explain to our school community the rules and procedures we have in place in relation to dogs attending our school grounds.

Scope

This policy only applies to pet and stray dogs on school grounds. For policy information on wellbeing and engagement animals, refer to the department's Wellbeing and Engagement Animals policy on PAL.

Policy

Definitions

A **pet dog** relates to any dog that is privately owned in the community for companionship reasons, rather than as a support function that requires specific skills or training.

A stray dog is any dog that is not accompanied by their owner.

Pet dogs

Edgars Creek Primary School is not a public place, and our Principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry. Clear and visible signage is provided at all entrances to the school grounds.

Whilst Edgars Creek Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets, to ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances.

Our school community is diverse and may include people that are allergic or uncomfortable around dogs. We are also conscious of the health hazards that may be posed by dogs. We ask that families please leave their pet dogs at home or safely tether them outside school grounds when attending our school or school events.

Stray dogs

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the school's front office. School staff will contact the City of Whittlesea on 9217 2170 for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school. In the event of an extremely dangerous animal and council is not available, please call the Police Assistance Line on 131 444.

Communication

This policy will be communicated to our school community in the following ways:

- Available publicly on our school's
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

Related Policies and Resources

- Duty of Care Policy
- Emergency Management Plan
- Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL

Policy Review and Approval

Policy last reviewed	November 2025
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