

# DOGS ON SCHOOL PREMISES

## POLICY

### Rationale

Alphington Primary School is part of a community where the benefits of pet ownership are valued. The school's primary duty of care is to our students. Some children have a fear of dogs and students need to feel safe while on school grounds.

This policy outlines the responsibilities of dog owners and/or handlers within the school grounds, excluding dogs specifically trained to enhance mobility or disability.

### Aim

- To ensure the safety and confidence of children and adults in the school grounds in the vicinity of dogs.

### Implementation

1. Dogs are to be kept on a leash and under control at all times whilst on school grounds.
2. Any faeces deposited by a dog on school grounds are to be immediately removed from the school grounds by the dog owner.
3. Parents with dogs should either remain on the grass area or secure their dogs away from the quadrangle at all assemblies.
4. Dogs are not permitted on grounds during major school community events including the picnics, annual fair, art show, and working bees.
5. Dogs are not to be secured to gates or barriers near the entrances to the school or high traffic areas.
6. Dogs cannot be taken into school buildings.
7. Dogs should be on a leash and under the control of adults at all times in the school grounds.
8. Aggressive dogs (to humans and other dogs) are not to be brought to the school grounds. This includes nervous dogs and fear biters.

### Evaluation

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school strategic plan review.

March 2013

This policy was last ratified by School Council on....