

# DOGS AT Roberts McCubbin Primary School



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## 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.

### **Wellbeing dogs**

For information on Wellbeing and Engagement animals, please refer to the [Wellbeing and Engagement Animal policy](#) on PAL.

### **Pet dogs**

Roberts McCubbin 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.

Roberts McCubbin Primary School understands that many families in our school community keep dogs as pets. However, 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.

To ensure that our school remains a safe and inclusive place for everyone, pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds on school days between 8:30am and 4pm.

The Principal, or any member of staff as delegated by the Principal, has the authority to prohibit certain dogs from school grounds or modify this policy to ensure the safety and wellbeing of staff, students and members of our school community at any time.

### **Stray dogs**

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the school office. School staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria police for assistance in managing and removing a stray dog from school grounds, and ensure staff and students remain safe at school.

## RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Duty of Care Policy](#)
- [Visitors Policy](#)
- [Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL](#)

## POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	20/05/2026
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