Grey Street
Primary School Traralgon

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Dogs at School

Issue Date:	**July 2025**
Next Review:	**July 2027**

Our purpose is to empower resilient learners to think critically, actively problem solve, be respectful and positively contribute to their world.

At Grey Street that means that we are all active and resilient learners, who learn in different ways. We challenge and support each other with our learning through setting goals, working persistently, problem solving, using feedback and reflecting on our progress. We value a culture of collaboration and mutual support that is focused on achieving success for all staff, students and members of the school community.

At Grey Street Primary School we are committed to maintaining a safe and inclusive environment for everyone, everywhere, all of the time.

Interpreter

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Grey Street Primary School.

Purpose

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

Grey Street 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.

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Whilst Grey Street 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, we have in place a number of rules that we expect all families to follow if they wish to bring their pet dog onto school grounds:

- pet dogs must be leashed at all times and in the control of a responsible adult
- pet dogs must not be tied up on school grounds or left unaccompanied
- families that bring dogs to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump may be asked to leave.
- Students should not approach or pat a dog without first asking owners permission

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.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	July 2025
Consultation	Presented for review with the School Council in July 2025.
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	July 2027