



DOGS AT SCHOOL

Keilor Heights Primary School 4877

PURPOSE

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

POLICY

Assistance dogs

KHPS understands its obligations under the *Disability Discrimination Act 1992* (Cth) and the *Equal Opportunity Act 2010* (Vic) and will make reasonable adjustments for members of our school community with a disability who require an 'assistance animal' to help alleviate the effects of their disability. Assistance dogs are permitted to attend our school with their handler. Our school principal can lawfully ask a person to produce evidence that an animal:

- is trained specifically to assist a person alleviate the effects of a disability (e.g. seeing eye dogs)
- meets standards of hygiene and behaviour appropriate for a school environment.

We understand that in some circumstances, students may require an assistance dog to attend school to help them to participate in their educational program. KHPS will consider a request by a student with a disability to allow an assistance dog to attend school with them on a case-by-case basis. If you would like to discuss this further, please contact the Principal.

Pet dogs

KHPS is not a public place, and our Principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.

With prior permission, at the discretion of the Principal, dogs are allowed on the school grounds under supervision and on a lead.

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

Visitors

REVIEW PERIOD

This policy will be reviewed as part of the school's four year review cycle.

This policy was last ratified by School Council on August 13th 2019