



TINTERNVALE PRIMARY SCHOOL

Dogs in School



Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact the Principal, Joanne Wood.

PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy applies to pet and stray dogs, and dogs at school owned by staff.

POLICY

Pet Dogs

Whilst Tinternvale 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 rules we expect all families to follow if they wish to bring their pet dog onto school grounds:

- Pet dogs must be on a lead.
- Pet dogs must not be tied up on school grounds or left unaccompanied.
- Families, who bring dogs to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump, may be asked to leave.

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 owners/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.

School Dogs

School staff may bring their pet dogs to school at the Principal's discretion. The Principal may choose to revoke the right of a pet dog being brought to school by a staff member, at any time, the Principal decides the arrangement is not in the best interest of students and staff.

COMMUNICATION

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

- Available publicly on our school's website (or insert other online parent/carers/student communication method).
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request.

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	29/10/2025
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	October 2028