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DOGS IN THE SCHOOL GROUNDS

Purpose

The purpose of the Dogs in the School Grounds policy is to support the promotion of a safe school environment and to ensure the safety of all whilst attending Elsternwick Primary School (EPS), as well as to ensure that the school grounds remain free of dog waste.

Aim

- To provide for the safety of students, toddlers, parents and visitors within the environment of the school grounds.
- To ensure access to the school grounds and buildings for people with disabilities requiring the use of dogs.
- To ensure that the school grounds are kept free of dog waste.

Policy

With the exception of dogs that assist people with disabilities, **dogs are not permitted within the school grounds** at any time (including on-leash, off-leash or held-by-hand) unless approval has been given by the Principal or nominee prior. This policy applies during and out of school hours.

Signs are displayed at entry points to the school, clearly stating that dogs are not permitted in the school grounds.

Due to OHS regulations, dog owners are not permitted to tie their dog at the school boundary fence. Dog owners are entirely responsible for the control of their dog around the school boundary fence area, which includes being on a lead, ensuring safe behaviour, and cleaning up any mess made by the dog.

Exception to this policy has prior approval by School Council for the following private event:

- Hank Marvin Markets (HMM PRODUCTIONS PTY LTD)

EPS promotes the Responsible Pet Ownership Program for Primary Schools to educate students in the knowledge and understanding needed for responsible pet ownership and care.

This policy will be shared with all parents/carers, teachers and students to ensure the whole school community is aware of the school's position regarding dogs in the school grounds.

Evaluation/Review

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