MULGRAVE PRIMARY SCHOOL
Gladeswood Drive, Mulgrave Vic 3170

DOGS AT SCHOOL POLICY

Help for non-English speakers

If you need help to understand the information in this policy please contact Mulgrave Primary School (03) 9795 2477

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.

For information on Wellbeing and Engagement animals, please refer to the Wellbeing and Engagement Animal policy on PAL.

Pet dogs

Mulgrave 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.

Dogs prohibited

Mulgrave 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, **pet dogs are not permitted on school grounds under any circumstances from Monday – Friday between 8:30am to 4.00 pm.**

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. We ask that families

please leave their pet dogs at home or safely tether them outside school grounds when attending our school or school events.

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
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Included in staff handbook/manual
- Reminders in our school newsletter
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- Duty Of Care Policy
- Visitors Policy
- Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	May 2025
Approved by	Principal
Next scheduled review date	May 2028