



## Stockdale Road Primary School

### DOGS AT STOCKDALE ROAD PRIMARY SCHOOL

#### 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

Stockdale Road Primary School 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 animals 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 (eg 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 animal to attend school to help them to participate in their educational program. Stockdale Road Primary School will consider a request by a student with a disability to allow an assistance animal to attend school with them on a case-by-case basis.

##### Stray dogs

Unaccompanied or stray dogs sighted at our school should be reported immediately to school office 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.

#### REVIEW PERIOD

This policy was last updated on August 2018 and is scheduled for review in April 2022.