

ANIMALS AT KANGAROO FLAT PRIMARY SCHOOL



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PURPOSE

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

SCOPE

This policy only applies to pet and stray animals 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 animal** relates to any animal that is privately owned in the community for companionship reasons, rather than as a support function that requires specific skills or training.

A **stray animal** is any animal that is not accompanied by their owner.

Pet Animals

Kangaroo Flat Primary School (KFPS) is not a public place, and our Principal has the authority to permit or decline entry to school grounds and impose conditions of entry.

Whilst KFPS understands that many families and staff in our school community keep animals as pets, to ensure that our school and school events remain a safe and inclusive place for everyone, we have in place a number of rules that we expect all families and staff to follow if they wish to bring their pet animal onto school grounds or to school events:

- prior permission must be sought from the Principal
- pet animals must be leashed at all times and in the control of a responsible adult
- pet animals must not be tied up on school grounds or left unaccompanied
- families or staff that bring animals to school that exhibit signs of aggressive behaviour, bark, or jump may be asked to leave.

The Principal has the authority to prohibit certain animals 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 animals

Unaccompanied or stray animals sighted at our school should be reported immediately to the Office. School staff will contact municipal authorities and/or Victoria police for assistance in managing and removing a stray animal 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 (or insert other online parent/carer/student communication method)
- Included in staff induction processes and staff training
- Hard copy available from school administration upon request

RELATED POLICIES AND RESOURCES

- [Wellbeing and Engagement Animals on PAL](#)

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	June 2026
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