



IRAMOO PRIMARY SCHOOL No 5152
ANIMALS IN SCHOOL
POLICY



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Rationale:

Iramoo Primary School recognises that a visiting animal offers the potential for a very positive learning experience for children to learn about taking care and showing responsibility for animals. It also helps to develop an understanding of the importance of the humane treatment of living creatures. All animals must be treated with the utmost respect. We acknowledge that some animals can be unpredictable and display unfriendly behaviour.

Aim:

To ensure that students realise and understand the obligations of being a responsible pet owner and for treating animals respectfully.

Implementation:

For health and safety reasons no animal shall be brought onto the premises of Iramoo Primary School without the **prior** written permission of the principal. The only exception to this rule is for working/training assistance dogs. See attached form.

Evaluation:

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

POLICY REVIEW AND APPROVAL

Policy last reviewed	June, 2023
Approved by	School Council,
Next scheduled review date (3 – 4 years)	June, 2027



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For health and safety reasons, no animal shall be brought onto the premises of Iramoo Primary School without the prior written permission* (minimum 24 hours) of the Principal.

This includes animals in the playground, animals brought to school for 'show & tell' type specific purposes and animals brought to school for educational programs; e.g. 'Responsible Pet Ownership'.

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CHILD'S NAME: _____ **YEAR:** _____

I wish to bring my _____ to Iramoo Primary School on
(Type of animal)

_____ for _____
(Date) (Purpose)

This animal has all of the relevant veterinarian checks/vaccinations and is registered/licensed as required.

PARENT/CARER SIGNATURE: _____ **DATE:** _____

CONTACT PHONE NO: _____

PRINCIPAL'S AUTHORISATION: _____