

Don College Policy

DOGS AND OTHER PETS AT SCHOOL POLICY

1. Purpose

This policy outlines when and where dogs may be allowed on the Don College grounds.

2. Scope

This policy will be observed on the Don College grounds at all times.

3. Requirements

3.1. In line with Section 28 of the Dog Control Act 2000, a person must not take a dog into:

3.1.1. Any grounds of a school, without the permission of a person in charge of the place; or

3.1.2. Any playing area of a sportsground on which sport is being played; or

3.1.3. Any area within 10 metres of a children's playground.

3.2. Section 28 does not apply to:

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3.2.1. A guide dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially blind person or is in training for that purpose; or

3.2.2. A hearing dog that is accompanying a wholly or partially deaf person or is in training for that purpose.

3.2.3. A dog that is trained to specifically support the wellbeing of a student, staff member or guest. For example. PTSD Dog

3.3. The Don College Principal has the authority to make decisions about dogs in and on school property in particular cases, such as:

3.3.1 Where dogs (and other pets) are required for use in teaching or learning programs. An application for approval will be made to the principal (or delegate) and will be accompanied by a risk assessment. It is assumed that dogs approved for use in such programs will be leashed and under control at all times.

3.3.2. Dogs permitted on the Don College grounds will not be allowed inside the main buildings and carpeted areas for hygiene reasons.

4. Details

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This document is to be reviewed after a period of three years.

5. Relevant documents

Section 28 of the Dog Control Act 2000
